

CMH Community Hospice has provided licensed Hospice services since 1990 and is a service of VCU Health Community Memorial Hospital. We are Medicare and Medicaid certified and accredited by the Joint Commission.

Our dedicated physician-directed team of nurses, nurse assistants, social workers, clergy and volunteers work together, 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week to meet the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of our patients and their families in Brunswick, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg and southern Nottoway Counties. In addition, we offer bereavement services for families and loved ones after death.



## Our Location

CMH Community Hospice is located in South Hill at 300 E. Ferrell Street in the Thomas W. Leggett Center.

Call CMH Community Hospice at (434) 774-2457:

- To learn more about us
- To refer a patient
- To volunteer
- To make a donation
- To inquire about our grief support group
- To invite us to speak to your church family or civic organization

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A program of care for terminally-ill patients and their families.



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## What is Hospice?

Hospice is a philosophy that offers care at a time when a cure is not possible. It is a team approach to end-of-life that seeks to improve the quality of remaining life rather than to extend it. The focus is comfort, symptom control and pain management.

Hospice is care provided in the home or an inpatient facility and may last for days, months or years.

Referrals, made with the knowledge and consent of the patient, may be made by a family member, the physician, clergy, hospital discharge planner or other healthcare provider.

## When can Hospice help?

Each situation is unique. Typically, our Hospice Team can help when the patient no longer wishes to receive or even seek curative treatment. If the patient's life expectancy can be measured in six months or less and the patient wishes to remain in the home, The Hospice Team will partner with a willing and able caregiver to provide personalized care.

## What can Hospice provide?

CMH Community Hospice strives for excellence in patient care by:

- Educating patients and families about what is happening to the patient and how to provide the best care for him/her.
- Providing comprehensive coordinated and personalized services to the patient and family as a unit in the home.
- Working to support the patient at home with his or her family and encouraging as much participation in normal activities as the patient wants.
- Encouraging the patient and caregiver to participate in decision-making.
- Dedication to pain and symptom control.
- Providing services in a cost effective manner.
- Providing supportive services for the caregiver and family members both during the illness and during the period of adjustment to their loss.
- Offering bereavement follow-up for family members and/or significant others.

## Hospice Eligibility Requirements

- The patient has a life-limiting illness with physician certification of a life expectancy measured in months rather than years.
- The patient is no longer receiving or seeking curative treatment and accepts comfort care.
- The patient lives in Brunswick, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg or southern Nottoway Counties.
- The patient and family desire hospice care and CMH Community Hospice can meet their needs.
- The attending physician is willing to direct the care or to delegate the care to another physician.
- There is a willing and able caregiver available and the patient desires to remain in the home surrounded by family and friends in their comfortable and familiar environment.

## What does it cost to receive Hospice services?

Hospice services are covered by most insurance plans. In addition, there is no cost to the patient or family for medications related to life-limiting illness or for supplies such as a hospital bed or oxygen.

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**Bereavement Services:** are provided to the family and loved ones and may include home visits, group support, phone and letter contacts and invitations to hospice gatherings. Bereavement support to the family is available for 12 months after the end of a life-limiting illness.