

## Credentials and Affiliations

- Medicare & Medicaid certified and licensed in the state of Missouri.
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- Missouri Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- Missouri End of Life Coalition
- Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association

## Active Volunteers



Volunteers play a vital role in hospice care by sharing skills and interests in a manner that provides comfort and support. After completing hospice volunteer training, volunteers fill a variety of roles, such as providing relief for caregivers, companionship to patients, general office tasks, bereavement activities, and special events.

*"I feel that being a hospice volunteer has been the most rewarding experience for me. The hospice staff are so helpful, and I know that our support makes a real difference to our hospice patients and their families."*

- Caroline Davidson, Knob Noster

# Johnson County Hospice

A division of  
Johnson County  
Community Health Services  
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Anyone may make a referral  
for hospice services.

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**[www.johnsoncountyhealth.org](http://www.johnsoncountyhealth.org)**

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday  
8 am to 5 pm

***Nurse on-call to patients and families  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.***

# Johnson County Hospice



*"Improving Your  
Quality of Life"*



**JOHNSON COUNTY  
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

*Home Health • Public Health • Hospice*

*"We honestly do not know how we would have managed without the help of Johnson County Hospice during our mother's recent illness. With their help, we were able to keep my mom as pain free as possible. They are truly angels on earth."*

- Brian & Sherri Hamilton,  
Knob Noster

# Hospice Philosophy:

Hospice is not a place,  
but a concept of care.



## What is Hospice?

Hospice is designed to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the terminally ill, while providing support to their family and significant others. Hospice provides care in the home and to residents of extended care facilities. The goal of Johnson County Hospice is to **provide comfort** by assisting with **pain and symptom management** to enhance the quality of life for both the client and family. In addition, the hospice program **provides grief support** to the family for one year following their loved one's death.

Care is provided by a credentialed and professionally trained team of Nurses, Physician, Medical Directors, Nurses Aide, Social Worker, Chaplain, and Volunteers.

## What is the Admission Criteria?

- Client has a diagnosis of a life-limiting illness and life expectancy of six months or less if the disease runs its expected course, as determined by the attending physician.
- Client is seeking comfort measures, rather than curative treatment.
- The client, family and physician understand that artificial, life-prolonging procedures are not consistent with the hospice philosophy.
- Admission to hospice is approved by the attending physician and medical director.
- A competent caregiver is available to assume responsibility when the client can no longer meet their own personal needs, or long term care plans are in place.
- Client lives in covered service area.

## Who Pays For Hospice care?

Your insurance may provide complete or partial payment. The hospice team will explain your coverage and will bill your insurance directly. We accept:

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
- Self-pay

*On-call 24 hours a day,  
7 days a week.*

*Hospice is a concept of care which recognizes that the entire family is affected by one person's illness. Hospice provides support and care for the terminally ill so they and their families can live as fully and comfortably as possible.*

## The Hospice Team

### Physician and Nursing Care

Our physician directed care is coordinated by a hospice registered nurse and includes nursing visits for pain and symptom management. The staff will provide support and training for the family and caregiver. We are **on-call 24 hours a day**. There is also the option of having nursing support in the home at time of death. Therapy services will be provided as needed.

### Certified Nurses Aides ...

assist with personal care and housekeeping chores for the patient.

### Medical Social Worker ...

will help you and your family members to understand and cope with your situation and loss issues. We will also provide community resources and individual and family counseling as needed.

### Spiritual Care

Our chaplain will assess your needs and offer spiritual support to both the patient and family members. We will also coordinate the care between the family's clergy and hospice.

### Hospice Volunteers ...

can provide relief to the caregiver, companionship to patient and family members, run errands, and perform chores.

### Bereavement

A 12-month follow-up grief education and support for family members is provided which includes bereavement visits, access to grief support groups, and a remembrance program.