

# Embrace Hospice Defines Care Types

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Embrace Hospice offers a type of specialized care for terminally ill patients. The modern concept was pioneered by Dame Cicely Saunders known for comforting and treating the patient, rather than the disease.

Florence SC: Embrace Hospice is pleased to announce that the information on their website includes a description of various types of hospice care which are available from the company. The term "hospice" comes from the Latin "Hospes". The term in the Middle Ages indicated a place of refuge for the exhausted travelers and those who were ill. The concept of caring for terminally ill patients carried over through the centuries and evolved into the modern hospice program. Dame Cicely Saunders pioneered the modern hospice movement by working extensively to comfort and treat patients, rather than the disease.

The hospice Florence SC professional team cares for physical, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of patients and families. Because the members of the staff operate as an interdisciplinary team, they work together to meet goals and care for patients. The patients and family members are the ones who remain in control of the plan of care. The nurse serves as the team leader. Patients do not have to have all of the services. The only required service is a weekly nursing visit. A chaplain is available if desired.

There are multiple levels of care which apply to all patient needs. The routine home care component is the most common level. It permits the patient to stay in their home which includes skilled nursing facilities and assisted living as well. Respite care contains the components of routine care but the patient stays in an in-patient facility. This location may be necessary to give family caregivers a break. Respite care can be as long as five days. Additional care types are In-Patient Care and Continuous Home Care.

Payment for hospice care for three decades has been provided under the Medicare Hospice benefit. There is little out-of-pocket expense to the patient or the family. The costs are paid through Medicare Hospice Benefit, Medicaid Hospice Benefit, Tricare and most private insurance companies.

More information is available at <http://embracehospice.org>.

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