

Hospice Vs. Palliative Care: Which is Right for You?

	SACRED JOURNEY	PALLIATIVE CARE
	1-2 per week by an RN and	1-2 times per month by an NP
How often are patients seen?	as needed	1-2 times per month by an NP
Can patients receive hospice and palliative care at the same time?	Yes	No
Do patients who have a terminal illness automatically qualify?	No, must be assessed	Yes
Respite care (up to five days at a time) included?	Yes	No
Who pays for the service?	Medicare Part A, Medicaid, and most insurances	Medicare Part B, Medicaid, and most insurances
Are after hours and weekend admissions available?	Yes	No
Durable medical equipment included?	Yes	No
Medications included?	Yes, related to illness	No
Do patients receive care at home or in a facility?	Either	Either
Are on-call, in-person visits available after hours and weekends?	Yes	Not Always
Can sitters also provide services separately?	Yes	Yes
Can continuous care be provided?	Yes	No
How soon will patients be seen after referral ?	Same day	Within 5 days
Will patients be seen by a Home Health Aide?	Yes, up to 7 times per week	No
Will patients be seen by a chaplain?	Yes, but optional to patient	No
Volunteer services included in the program?	Yes	No
Can inpatient care be provided?	Yes	No
Are 13 months of bereavement care included?	Yes	No
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