

Understanding Comfort Care Options for VNSNY CHOICE Medicare Patients



	PALLIATIVE CARE	HOSPICE CARE
Covered by VNSNY CHOICE Medicare	✓	✓
Eligibility	Patients with a serious illness may be eligible	Patients with a serious illness and prognosis of 6 months or less
Concurrent Curative Care	✓	
Concurrent Transitional Care		✓*
Focused on Rehabilitation	✓	
Customized Care Team	Physician, NP, RN, Social Worker, PT, OT, Nutritionist, Chaplain	Physician, NP, RN, Social Worker, HHA, Spiritual Care Counselor, Bereavement Counselor, Volunteer
Ability to Speak with a Nurse 24/7	✓	✓
On-Call Visiting Nurse Available 24/7		✓
Primary Care Physician Involvement	✓	✓
Physician's F2F visit required	NP F2F visit required for an initial comprehensive in-home assessment	Hospice Physician or NP F2F visit is required before entering the 3rd benefit period
Pain Management	Focus shifts toward pain and symptom management	Focus on management of pain and symptom relief
Additional Medical Supply + Equipment Coverage	May cover some supplies such as dressing changes and pill box	Covers medications related to the hospice diagnosis and comorbidities as well as DME
Location of Service	In the home	Wherever the patient calls Home (Residence, SNF, ALF, with family)
Home Bound Status required		✓
Caregiver Relief (Respite)		Up to 5-day respite stays available

* For in-network hospice providers only

For more information about the VNSNY CHOICE Medicare Hospice Benefit, go to vnsnychoice.org/hospice-benefit