THE CARE PARTNER PROJECT

Preview Safe & Sound™ Checklists

Support Palliative or Hospice Care

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YOUR LOGO

WHICH ONE?

Palliative Care *provides support and comfort for anyone undergoing treatment for a serious disease.*

Hospice Care, *while palliative in nature, is for anyone who has about 6 months more to live, certified by 2 doctors.*

WHAT YOU WANT

- *Only Licensed Registered Nurses (RNs) administering medications.*
- *A licensed doctor (MD) overseeing all medication administration and decisions.*
- *A choice: some long-term care facilities have "captive" or "in-house" hospice providers. You don't have to use them. You may hire your own.*
- *A provider that's geared to supporting the family's caregiver needs and tasks, as well. Sensitivity to "time-out" to restore, refresh, take care of other responsibilities.*

HOW TO HELP

CHOOSE PALLIATIVE OR HOSPICE CARE

QUESTIONS FOR EVERY PALLIATIVE OR HOSPICE CARE PROVIDER YOU'RE CONSIDERING:

- ☐ Do you provide palliative or hospice care, or both?
  - In home?
  - In hospital?
  - In a hospice house?
- ☐ What are your pain management policies and procedures?
- ☐ Who oversees the medical care? (Degrees? Licenses? Certifications?)
- ☐ Who administers pain management and other medications? (Their licenses?)

- ☐ Do you have experience with my (loved one's) disease/disorder?
- ☐ Do you provide consistent hospice nurses and caregivers, or will my (loved one) have different providers caring for him/her?
- ☐ Do you offer help with daily living activities? Which ones?
- ☐ What is your on-call program in case assistance is needed during the night?
- ☐ Do you coordinate with family for psychological or emotional support my loved one may need?
- ☐ Do you coordinate religious/spiritual support that may be needed?
- ☐ Do you offer help completing medical care documents, such as Advanced Directives, Medical Power of Attorney?
- ☐ What other services do you offer?
- ☐ How are your services billed? What will our costs be? When due? What does insurance cover? Ask about any potential additional costs that may come up.
- ☐ Are there financial assistance programs available?
- ☐ What patient/family education resources do you offer?

HELPFUL ONLINE RESOURCE: FiveWishes.org

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Nothing in life prepares your patients and their loved ones to manage a serious illness. Safe & Sound™ resources express your empathy and commitment to care that meets patients where they are.

Together, you are prepared to partner for patient-centered care.

Ready to partner for patients? Let's talk!

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