

## Hospice Services:

### ***Comprehensive Health Care and Palliative Care for Patients with Limited Life Expectancy and Their Families***

#### **Description:**

Hospice is a unique program for patients with limited life expectancy and their families. The focus of Hospice is to help the patient and family with end of life decision-making, meeting life's goals, enhancing family relationships and promoting comfort.

Hospice Care is provided by a specially trained team of caring health professionals and volunteers, who strive to keep patients and their families comfortable, at peace and in control of their lives during a changing time.

Hospice of VNS cares for patients wherever they live – home, retirement communities, independent and assisted living residences, nursing facilities and other settings. Hospice services are also available at the Justin T. Rogers Care Center. The goal of the Care Center is to provide compassionate hospice services in a home-like setting for patients needing acute inpatient care or respite care.

#### **Benefits:**

Hospice will help the patient and the family by:

- managing pain and distressful symptoms
- teaching families how to comfort and care for their loved ones
- offering support for problems, questions, medication adjustments or reassurance 24 hours a day
- providing assistance with personal care (baths, meals, light housekeeping)

- helping to strengthen relationships with loved ones
- assisting with the burdens of decision-making at the end-of-life
- providing bereavement and spiritual care support for the patient and family

#### **Eligibility:**

Many patients and families consider Hospice care when:

- comfort-oriented care to improve the quality of life is most important
- life is measured in months or weeks, rather than years
- curative treatment is not an alternative or is no longer desired

#### **Reimbursement:**

Hospice services are a covered benefit under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Most major medical insurance companies also offer a hospice benefit.

### **Hospice & Palliative Care of VNS**

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To ensure that your patients receive our comprehensive, quality care, ***please specify "Hospice of VNS"*** on your patient's orders or call the number noted above.

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Our purpose is to alleviate suffering, engender hope, promote living and facilitate grieving among patients with serious or life-limiting illnesses, their families and their communities.