


EARLIER REFERRAL  
ALLOWS **MORE**  
**OPPORTUNITY**  
TO PROVIDE  
**COMPREHENSIVE**  
**CARE.** 

"The Commission has previously expressed concern about very short hospice stays. More than one-quarter of hospice decedents enroll in hospice services only in the last week of life, a length of stay which is commonly thought to be of less benefit to patients than enrolling somewhat earlier."

Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC)  
March 2016 Report, Chap. II

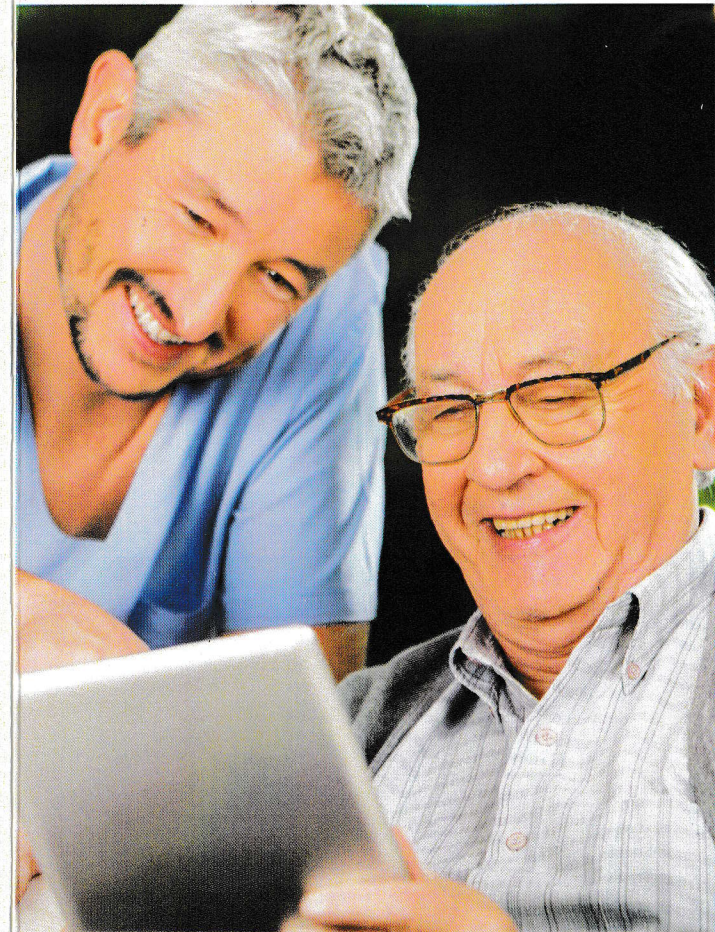
Hospice Family Care is part of the CURO HEALTH SERVICES® family of hospice care providers. We are committed to clinical excellence with expert palliative care, pain management, and support when life matters most. Curative treatments cease in favor of hospice care measures.

*Our mission is to honor life and offer compassion to individuals, and their families, when facing a life-limiting illness.*

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BENEFITS OF  
EARLIER ADMISSION  
TO HOSPICE CARE



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# BENEFITS

of choosing hospice earlier

Nearly all patients are able to receive hospice care as soon as their doctor and hospice physician believe that they most likely have 6 months or less to live.

When pain and other symptoms are effectively controlled, people not only feel better, they have a potential to live longer.

## BOTH PATIENT AND FAMILY:

- Control of the situation
- Emotional and spiritual support for grief and counseling
- Have closure with everyone together
- Become knowledgeable and comfortable with the dying process
- Achieve peace with pending death
- Expert assistance and time to prepare for personal and financial matters
- Save on expenses for medication, equipment, and supplies related to the terminal condition

## PATIENT:

- Compassion and dignity with an individualized comfort care plan
- Clinical excellence for pain and symptom management where you live
- Decreased stress levels to positively affect quality of life
- Comprehensive care that incorporates mind, body, and spirit
- Reduction in unnecessary re-admissions to hospital / ER visits
- Help with focusing on and developing personal goals before death
- Preparation and coordination of advanced directives
- Reduced stress of traveling back and forth to hospital

## OUR SATISFACTION SURVEYS SHOW

# 60% OF PATIENTS

## SAID THEY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE BEEN REFERRED EARLIER.

## FAMILY:

- Able to observe their loved one in a more comfortable state during a difficult time
- Opportunity to improve the quality of life of their loved one for the time that remains
- Learn to assist in caring for their loved one
- Develop relationship with a bereavement counselor earlier

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ALLOWS US TO BUILD  
MORE SUPPORTIVE  
RELATIONSHIPS AND  
IMPROVE CARE

When **life** matters most.

