

HOSPICE CARE GUIDE

Does your resident have one or more serious illness such as:

- Cancer
- Congestive heart failure (CHF)
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) , emphysema, lung disease
- End stage kidney or liver disease or failure
- Neurological disease (e.g. ALS, Parkinson's)
- Dementia

Does your resident have symptoms that make it difficult to be as active as they would like to be, or impact quality of life? Symptoms may include:

- Pain or discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Anxiety
- Depressions
- Lack of appetite
- Nausea, constipation
- Weight loss

Has your resident experienced:

- Difficult treatment side affects**
- Eating problems
- Weight loss
- Decreased skin integrity
- Increased confusion
- Frequent ER visits or three or more admissions to the hospital within 12 months and with the same symptoms

Does your resident or their caregiver need help:

- Coping with stress
- Emotional support
- Spiritual or religious support
- Learning to provide care at home
- Knowing what to expect and how to access resources
- Making medical decisions about treatment options: advanced care planning
- Understanding pros and cons of treatments (e.g. dialysis, additional cancer treatments, surgery, etc.)