


Hospice Services in Kentucky

Certificate of Need Task Force
Meeting 2
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Why is hospice care unique?



For individuals with a terminal diagnosis who are typically in the last six months of life.



Two physicians must certify the patient as being terminally ill.



Palliative treatments for terminal illness.



Per diem payment based on one of four levels of care

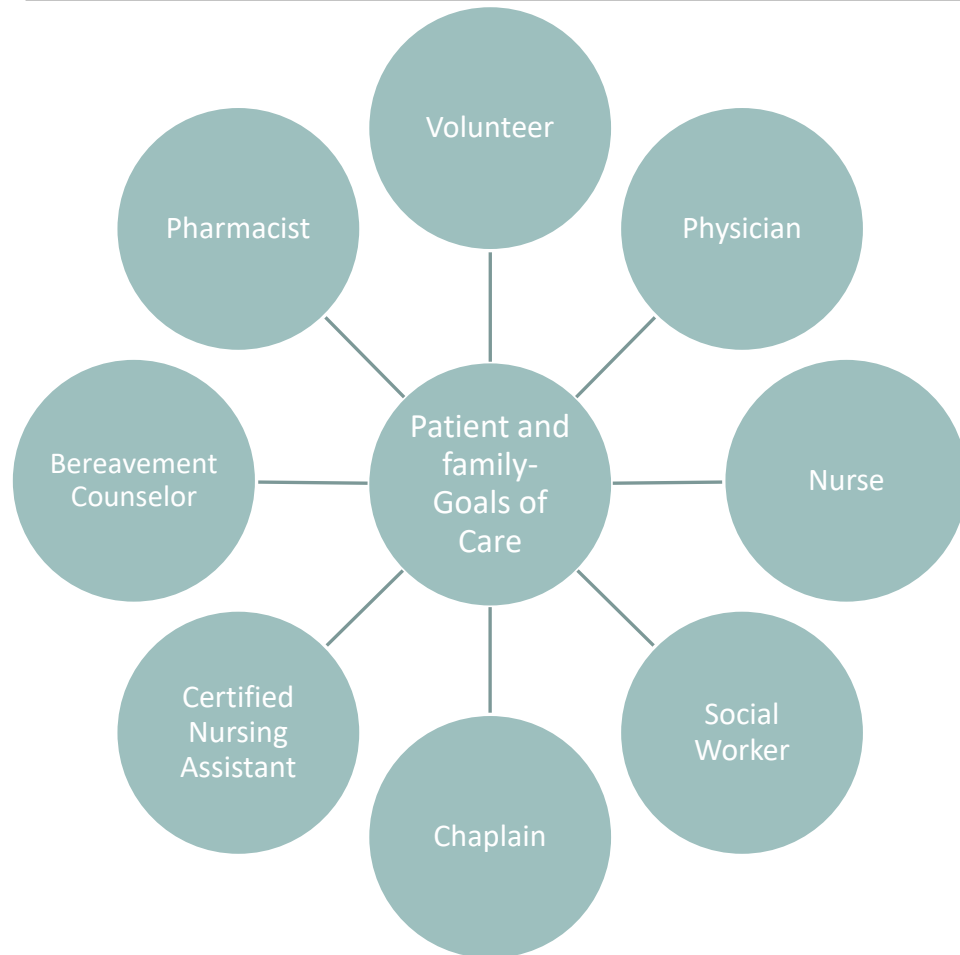


Payer sources:
Medicare Part A
Medicaid
Veteran Administration
Private Insurance



Approximately 50% of dying Americans choose to receive hospice care at end-of-life.

Hospice Care: Critical Benefit in KY



- Location of care is typically the home
- Expert clinicians
- 24/7 on-call support
- Coverage for all medical care related to the terminal prognosis
 - Medications related to terminal prognosis
 - Medical equipment
 - Supplies

Why is CON important for hospice care in KY?

Fraud, abuse, and profiteering in hospice care plague many states without a CON process.




U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Inspector General

Safeguards Must Be Strengthened To Protect Medicare Hospice Beneficiaries From Harm

Reps. Van Duyne and Blumenauer Lead Bipartisan Letter Calling for Increased Oversight of Unacceptable Fraud and Abuse in Hospice Care

February 15, 2023

Irving, TX - Yesterday, a bipartisan group of lawmakers led by Representatives Beth Van Duyne (TX-24) and Earl Blumenauer (OR-03) sent a letter to CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure expressing their concern about fraud and abuse within the hospice benefit and requesting a briefing on CMS's hospice-related oversight activities as well as any gaps in oversight tools.



November 9, 2022

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator
U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
200 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C., 20201

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure,

As the four national hospice leaders, Leading Age, the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC), the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and the National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation (NPHI), we have grown increasingly concerned by reports of rapid proliferation of certified hospice agencies in select

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Percentage of Hospices with a Deficiency Cited on a Complaint investigation in the last three years by state

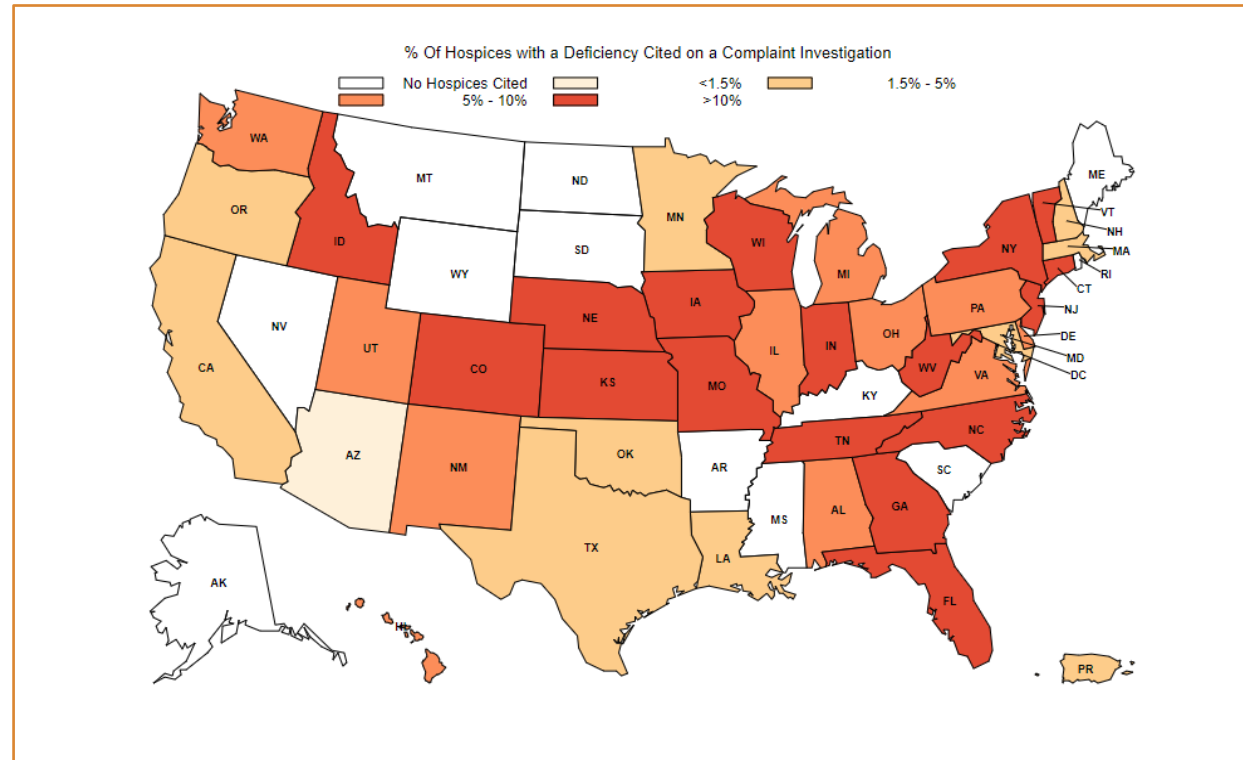


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https://qcor.cms.gov/hosp_surveys/State_Level.html

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