

# Palliative Care VS Hospice Care

	<i>Palliative Care</i>	<i>Hospice Care</i>
<b>Prognosis</b>	Advanced illness; no life expectancy limitation.	Prognosis of six months or less with unlimited benefit periods.
<b>How is this paid for?</b>	Visits billed to insurance as specialty visit; coverage dependent on insurance plan.	Medicare and most other insurances will cover 100%. Financial screenings can be done.
<b>Symptom management</b>	Experts in symptom management; consult recommendations to PCP.	Yes! Experts in pain and symptom management at the end of life.
<b>Home Health with this service?</b>	Yes! We recommend the combination of Piedmont Care with Home Health when there is a nursing or therapy need. Insurance can cover both.	Hospice insurance benefit will not pay for both; can have one-time consults with approval. Patients can self-pay if desired.
<b>Skilled bed at a SNF with this service?</b>	Yes! Palliative can complement skilled care and continue after discharge. Insurance can cover both.	Hospice insurance benefit will not pay for both. Insurance cannot bill both on the same day.
<b>Treatments (chemo, dialysis, transfusions)</b>	All treatments can continue; Piedmont Care provides goals of care discussion.	Most curative treatments are not covered, but considered case-by-case; symptom management is priority.
<b>Attending</b>	Always remains community PCP.	HoP provider or community PCP.
<b>What disciplines can be provided?</b>	Nurse Practitioner is the primary provider, with physician oversight. Can add LCSW as needed.	Nurse, Social Worker, and Spiritual Counselor, volunteer, aide, and others PRN.
<b>DME, O2 &amp; Supplies</b>	Obtained through PCP with regular insurance requirements.	Provided and paid for by HoP.
<b>Medications</b>	Obtained through insurance.	Provided by HoP and paid for <u>IF</u> related to Terminal Diagnosis.
<b>Prescribing</b>	Ordered by PCP (or other providers); Piedmont Care can prescribe as requested by team.	Ordered from attending or Medical Director.
<b>How often are visits?</b>	Offered at least monthly and PRN	At least weekly and PRN.

## COMMON SYMPTOMS & DISEASES TREATED BY PIEDMONT CARE AND HOSPICE CARE

### Common Symptoms Treated:

- Complex pain
- Anxiety
- Dyspnea
- Fatigue
- Nausea/Vomiting
- And others

### Common Diagnoses Treated:

- ESRD
- Dementia
- Cancer
- Heart Failure
- Stroke
- COPD
- And others