EVERGREEN
Hospice Care
PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

Clinical Pathway for Home-Based Palliative Care

Member of Contracted IPA

Eligible Illnesses

- Clinical heart failure, NYHA Class IV
- Oxygen dependent
- 3 hospital or ER visits per year

- COPD
- Oxygen dependent
- 3 or more hospital or ER visits per year

- Stage 3 or 4 cancer with metastases to liver, lungs, lymph nodes, bones, or brain

- ESRD with Creatine level 8 or more / 6 or more with DM, CKD stage 5 with refractory congestive heart failure
- Hypertension
- Has had 3 or more hospital or ER visits per year

- End stage liver disease with ascites, hepatic encephalopathy, and portal hypertension
- Albumin less than 2.5

- End stage disease refusing hospice
- 3 or more hospital or ER visits in 3 months

Additional Needs Requiring Palliative Care

Patients and family require ongoing discussion regarding goals of care and advance care planning

Patient and family have ongoing spiritual concerns keeping patient from accepting end-of-life care

Patient requires frequent assessment by nurses or medical professionals after hours and week-ends to prevent hospitalization

Patient needs ongoing assistance with personal care that family is unable to manage

Patient and family need 24 hour access to care to prevent ER visits and hospitalization

Patient and family require expertise of palliative trained staff

Referral to Evergreen Home Health Palliative Care

Referral to Evergreen Hospice

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