

Chicago's first hospice service,
Horizon is a not-for-profit,
community-based organization
whose goal is to provide comfort
for the dying and to preserve
dignity at the end of life.

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Providing a Circle of Care since 1978

What is special about Horizon?

Strong Volunteer Program

All of Horizon's founders and many of its current board members first learned about hospice at the bedside of a dying patient. A diverse corps of carefully recruited and thoroughly trained volunteers remain active in direct patient care roles and integral to Horizon's interdisciplinary teams.

Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM) Treatments

Horizon includes treatments such as massage therapy, healing touch, aromatherapy and meditation in care plans. The CAM program is demonstrating the efficacy of these treatments as adjuncts to help reduce pain, anxiety and common symptoms of the terminally ill.

Extensive Bereavement Support

Horizon's bereavement staff intervenes early in cases with complex bereavement issues. Professionally trained counselors follow up with bereaved family members for a full 13 months after their loved one's death. Individual counseling, professionally facilitated support groups, remembrance services and social outings are available to bereaved families free of charge.

End-of-Life Care Education Program

Horizon established the Midwest's first comprehensive end-of-life care education program and continually trains the next generation of healthcare professionals through clinical rotations in hospice and palliative medicine. Medical students from premiere schools, residents from both academic and community hospitals, and university nursing students all receive quality training at Horizon.

Local Governance & Fundraising Initiatives

Horizon is governed by a voluntary board of dedicated philanthropists and experienced end-of-life care professionals who live and work in the Chicago area. Horizon is committed to caring for the medically underserved and providing the care patients need, whether or not it's reimbursable. To fulfill this commitment, the organization raises nearly 20% of its annual revenue through foundation grants, an annual benefit, individual contributions and memorial gifts.



What is Horizon Hospice?

- A full-service, not-for-profit, community-based hospice established in 1978 as Chicago's first hospice, Horizon provides medical, nursing, spiritual and psychosocial support to terminally ill patients and their families throughout the Chicago area.
- Focused on caring for an urban population and licensed to provide care throughout Cook County.
- Certified by Medicare and Medicaid and licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Who is eligible for Horizon Hospice services?

- Adults and children with a life-limiting condition who seek comfort and relief of pain and symptoms, rather than curative treatment, may be eligible for hospice services.
- Horizon accepts patients with Medicare or Medicaid coverage, private insurance and those who are unable to pay.
- To qualify for the Medicare/Medicaid hospice benefit, the patient's attending physician and the hospice medical director must certify that the patient most likely has a prognosis of six months or less.

What is Horizon's "Circle of Care"?

Interdisciplinary teams of physicians, registered nurses, home health aides, social workers, chaplains, bereavement counselors and volunteers deliver care to patients in their homes or residential facilities. The team develops a plan of care by identifying the needs and goals of each patient and family and surrounding them with a "Circle of Care" that includes:

- **Comprehensive, culturally sensitive care for people of any background, diagnosis or age.**
- **Spanish-speaking staff, with additional translation services available.**
- **Experience and expertise in end-of-life care, including management of complex cases, chronic illnesses and pediatric patients.**
- **Plan of care developed and implemented in close cooperation with the patient, family and primary physician.**
- **Full-time physician support from board-certified experts in hospice and palliative medicine.**
- **Advanced Practice Nurses with expertise in hospice and palliative care available for consultations.**
- **Referrals accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**
- **24/7 access to on-call nurse and home delivery of medication and supplies as needed.**

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