



Who is eligible for this service?

People with HIV/AIDS who are experiencing symptoms as a result of their infection or their medications may be eligible for services. Please contact the Horizon office to speak with one of our nurses.

Who pays for this service?

JUST BECAUSE WE CARE provides services regardless of a person's ability to pay. The program is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, most private insurance, and is supported by contributions and grants.



JUST BECAUSE WE CARE IS A PROGRAM OF HORIZON HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE.

If you think you might benefit from

JUST BECAUSE WE CARE or if you have any questions about the program, please call Horizon at 312.733.8900.

JUST BECAUSE WE CARE is a program of Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care, a not-for-profit, community-based organization licensed by the state of Illinois, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), and certified by Medicare and Medicaid.

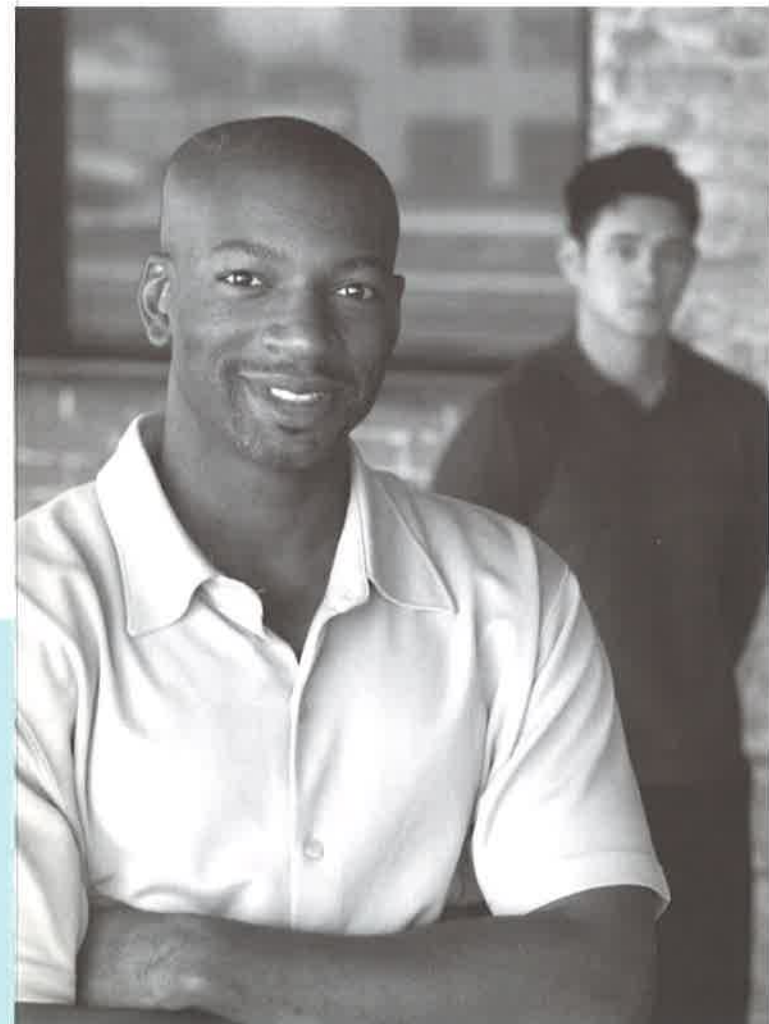
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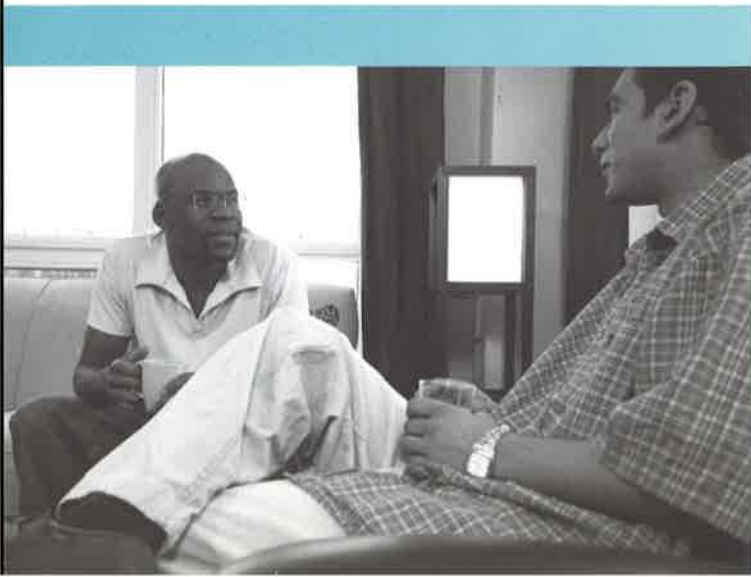


What is JUST BECAUSE WE CARE?

Horizon began the JUST BECAUSE WE CARE Program in response to an unmet need in the community. While many people with HIV/AIDS are living full and rewarding lives, they can still experience a variety of symptoms such as pain, nausea, and fatigue. JUST BECAUSE WE CARE helps people living with HIV/AIDS to manage these symptoms or challenges as they continue their daily routine.

How long has Horizon been working with HIV/AIDS Patients?

Horizon has a long history of providing services to the HIV/AIDS community. In the 1980s, the organization took the lead in addressing the needs of HIV/AIDS patients and provided compassionate interdisciplinary care and support to patients and their loved ones. Horizon continues to provide care to all in need, regardless of background or financial situation.



How can JUST BECAUSE WE CARE help?

JUST BECAUSE WE CARE can benefit those living with HIV/AIDS by reducing symptoms, decreasing pain, and by helping people remain as comfortable as possible as they go about their daily lives.

As a program that understands that quality care is more than medications, JUST BECAUSE WE CARE treats the mind, body, and spirit. An interdisciplinary team works with the patient and the family to help monitor and control any symptoms that may occur. JUST BECAUSE WE CARE provides patients with the support needed to confront the uncertainty associated with living with HIV/AIDS.

What are some of the symptoms that JUST BECAUSE WE CARE can help address?

JUST BECAUSE WE CARE can help manage many symptoms including:

- Fatigue
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Pain
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Weight loss
- Changes in appearance

JUST BECAUSE WE CARE can also help with treatment planning, advance care planning, and connecting to other resources in the community. Medical professionals are on call around-the-clock and social workers and chaplains are available to provide emotional and spiritual support. Some participants may be eligible for massage therapy to help manage a variety of symptoms.

Who provides services?

The JUST BECAUSE WE CARE team of doctors, advance practice nurses, nurses, social workers, chaplains, bereavement counselors, home health aides, and volunteers are available to help patients and their loved ones deal with some of the symptoms related to HIV/AIDS and prescription side-effects. Counseling, groups, and bereavement services are available to support loved ones throughout the entire disease process.

As a community-based organization, Horizon's interdisciplinary team provides services in the home, hospital, nursing home, or residential facility—wherever the person is most comfortable. JUST BECAUSE WE CARE staff can set up an appointment that is convenient for you and your family.

