

Children's Hospice Service

ND Department of Human Services
Medical Services Division

Purpose

- To support ND families so they can care for their hospice eligible child in their homes - as long as possible .
- To assist in avoiding lengthy hospital stays OR institutional care.
- Allow families to access treatment that focus on curative care for their child.

Benefits who

- Any child who has a “life limiting” diagnosis, between the ages of 0 – 22.
- Any child/ family :
 - who needs hospice services
 - And wants to continue to look for treatment and/or cure.

Eligible

- Children birth to their 22nd birthday.
- Any child who has received a “life limiting” diagnosis and is not expected to live longer than one year.
 - must have a letter from their Primary Doctor, stating this.
 - Hospice physician of families choice will confirm diagnosis is “life limiting”.
- Enrollment is limited to 30 children per year.

Service

Case Management

- By a registered nurse who will help a family get services needed, plan for emergencies and complete necessary paperwork.

Service

Home Health Aide

- Aide provides skilled respite and help for a caregiver to complete routine daily activities, such as bathing, feeding, etc.

Service

Skilled Nursing

- Nurses provide services that may be preventative, curative and restorative. This service is available after other Medicaid limits have been reached.

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Hospice

- Is similar to traditional hospice except for the continued curative measures. This service is available after other Medicaid limits have been reached.

Service

Palliative Care

- Supportive health care given to child to meet their physical, emotional, spiritual and social stresses experienced during last stages of illness.

Service

Expressive Therapy

- Therapist use art/ music/ play activities to help children and their siblings to express and explore their emotions / illness.

Service

Grief Counseling

- Counseling services available for a family before and after the passing of child.

What is gained

- Chance to have hospice services PLUS look for a cure.
- Child eligible for Medicaid – allows for reimbursement after co- payment and other insurances are billed.
- Case management services to assist family in making educated choices for care of child.

Access to Services

Application
(on the Web or
call 328-3701)

Obtain letter from child's
doctor describing the "life
Limiting" diagnosis

Complete Level of Care
with Program Managers
assistance

Receive confirmation from
Hospice doctor of family
choice of diagnosis

Child eligible for Medicaid



Any questions

Call:

Kathy
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701-328-3701

Or

1-800-428-4140



Thank You!