SESSION II: UNPACKING THE MEDICARE HOSPICE BENEFIT IN THE CONTEXT OF SERIOUS ILLNESS CARE

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The Medicare Hospice Benefit

Individualize Care Plan Focused on "What Matters Most"



Professionals







Bereavement Support



Counselors

Spiritual







Inpatient Care



Continuous Care



Respite Care



Hospice Defines Quality End of Life Care to Patients, Families, and Caregivers



Families of patients receiving >30 days of hospice reported the most positive EOL outcomes

Families remarked patients received just the right amount of pain medicine and help with dyspnea



Families more often reported patients' EOL wishes were followed and rated quality of EOL care as excellent

Hospice admission in last 6 months of life correlated with increases in patient satisfaction and better pain control, reductions in hospital days



Less physical and emotional distress and better quality of life at EOL*



Less risk for PTSD with home hospice deaths** Home hospice reduced risk for prolonged grief disorder***

*Cancer patients, when comparing death in hospital to death in hospice **Compared to death in ICU ***Compared to hospital deaths



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Value of Hospice in Medicare: A NORC Analysis

Disease Group	No Hospice		
ALL	\$67,192		
Circulatory	\$66,041		
Cancer	\$76,625		
Neuro- degenerative	\$61,004		
Respiratory	\$77,892		
CKD/ESRD	\$82,781		

Hospice						
< 15 Days	15 – 30	31 – 60	61 – 90	91 – 180	181 – 266	> 266
4%	-5%	-9%	-12%	-14%	-10%	-12%
7%	-4%	-8%	-10%	-11%	-8%	-10%
10%	-1%	-6%	-9%	-13%	-14%	-20%
12%	-6%	-9%	-11%	-11%	-5%	-4%
-2%	-11%	-14%	-17%	-19%	-18%	-22%
1%	-14%	-21%	-24%	-24%	-23%	-27%

At 1 year hospice total cost of care is 3.5 billion less than non hospice

- Spending is greater than non-hospice users
- Spending is less than non-hospice users
- No Difference/
 Not Statistically Significant

