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Philosophy of Open Access

- Allows patients and families regardless of ability to pay and/or currently receiving medical treatments and/or experiencing intense psychosocial issues access to HopeWest services earlier.

HopeWest Programs

- Hospice
- Transitions
- Palliative Pain Consults
- Counseling
- Child/Teen Counseling/Bereavement
- Bereavement

Benefits of Open Access Hospice

- Increases time for patients and families to engage in advance care planning and process issues related to the advanced illness while utilizing services.
- Allows patients to receive hospice level services earlier, providing them with more assistance in care planning needs.
- Supports strong collaborative relationships with the referral source during difficult communications with patients and families.
- Starts supportive care or hospice while patients are making the transition from curative to palliative care.
- Reduces length of stay in an acute care setting.

Who is eligible?

- Patients with an advanced illness who have limited prognosis.
- Patients who continue to receive medical treatments on a case by case basis such as:
 - IV antibiotics
 - Blood transfusions
 - Ventilator support
 - Cardiac drips
 - Chest tubes
 - Tube feedings
 - Dialysis for non-hospice diagnosis
 - Palliative radiation

How is having an Open Access philosophy paid for?

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
- Private Pay
- Veterans Benefits
- Donations