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Hospice Qualification for Alzheimer's & Dementia

Hospice is a concept of care that does not seek to cure. Rather, interventions are designed to provide comfort. For an individual with Alzheimer's/dementia, the hospice Medicare Part A benefit may provide supplemental care and services at the end of the disease process.

This simple reference is designed to assist in determining if an individual with related Alzheimer's/dementia disorders may qualify for the Medicare Part A benefit for additional care and services.

The individual experiences the following:

- » *Incontinent of bowel & bladder*
- » *Non-ambulatory without hands-on assistance*
- » *Inability to sit independently in an armless chair*
- » *Inability to dress without assistance*
- » *Speaks approximately six words at a time*
- » *Intelligible vocabulary may be lost*
- » *All activities of daily living needs must be anticipated*

The individual may have a recent history of:

- » *Aspiration pneumonia*
- » *Upper respiratory infections*
- » *Impaired skin integrity*
- » *Weight loss greater than 10% in the last six months*
- » *Hospitalizations*

If the individual exhibits some of these symptoms, refer to Agapé Physicians Care and Agapé Hospice for an evaluation.

Our experts are more than willing to help you understand more, and are available to speak to families, church groups, community functions, and other events .

For more information, contact:

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