

# Hospice by the Bay Offers Four Levels of Care

#### **Routine Home Care**

Hospice services are provided by HBTB team members, who make regular visits wherever the patient calls home – a family residence, a long-term care facility, RCFE, etc.

- The HBTB team includes the HBTB Medical Director, a primary nurse, social worker, home health aides, spiritual support counselor and a trained volunteer.
- The team collaborates with the patient's own physician, family members and caregivers to see that patient's choices about care are respected and comfort and quality of life is maximized.
- Nurses on call 24/7 to answer questions or make emergency visits.

### **Respite Care**

Short-term inpatient care is provided to the patient only to relieve family members or others caring for the individual at home.

- Respite is provided only on an occasional basis.
  Only five consecutive days at a time is reimbursed.
- Care must be provided in a Medicare or Medi-Cal in-patient facility that is contracted with HBTB to provide respite care to hospice patients.

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## **General In-patient Care (GIP)**

Short-term care in a Medicare-certified hospital or long-term care facility to provide symptom management that cannot be accomplished in another setting.

- Ordered for such issues as: uncontrolled pain, dyspnea, nausea and vomiting, seizures, hemorrhaging or agitation.
- The need for GIP is evaluated throughout the crisis. Once the symptoms are resolved, the HBTB team is responsible for planning for discharge.
- The HBTB team collaborates with the in-patient facility on the patient's plan of care.

#### **Continuous Care**

Provided during a crisis when a patient requires primarily nursing care to achieve palliation or management of acute medical symptoms.

- Examples include: uncontrolled pain, dyspnea, nausea or vomiting, seizures, hemorrhaging or agitation.
- Care is provided in the patient's place of residence for a minimum of eight hours of care (at least half must be nursing care).
- The need for Continuous Care is evaluated throughout the crisis and is discontinued once the crisis is resolved.

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