

Esther's House

in Elkhart

and the

Ernestine M. Raclin

House in Mishawaka



Center for
Hospice Care

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what are they

For patients who may experience pain and symptoms that cannot be controlled in the home or other settings, Center for Hospice Care offers the only freestanding Medicare certified hospice inpatient units in the region. These units are owned, operated, and staffed by Center for Hospice Care professionals whose single focus is making patients as comfortable as possible. Our inpatient facilities have helped us dramatically reduce hospice patient hospital admissions and readmissions. Our Hospice Houses support our original mission by allowing patients to receive short-term inpatient care in a home-like setting before returning to their residence or one of the more than 80 nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or group homes that have chosen to contract with Center for Hospice Care for their residents.

management of symptoms

We admit patients for management of any symptom that cannot be managed in a home environment, whether it is because the symptom is severe, it requires frequent skilled observation or requires sophistication the caregiver simply doesn't possess.

absence, inability or unwillingness of a caregiver

We may admit a patient who requires a caregiver and whose caregiver cannot or will no longer provide the care. The law on this issue is clear, however, that inpatient level of care is a temporary measure to ensure the safety of the patient while an alternative disposition is achieved.

respite for caregivers

A patient's caregiver may simply need a break. The law allows five consecutive days for a caregiver respite. This is the only criterion for inpatient level of care that has a specific time frame attached to it.







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criteria for hospice house

The criteria for inpatient hospice care are established by federal law for Hospice Inpatient Facilities and are not simply local policies. The overwhelming majority of our patients die at home, where research over the last several years has indicated most people would prefer to be when they die, and *imminent death alone is not an indication for **inpatient** hospice care.* We may admit to the inpatient level of care for three reasons:

- Management of symptoms
- Absence, inability or unwillingness of a caregiver for a patient who is unable to live independently
- Respite for caregivers

Center for Hospice Care Hospice House Locations

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