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## **Questions to Ask During a Hospice Evaluation**

### **Service-related questions**

1. What are the four types of hospice care and does your agency provide all four?
2. What types of service does hospice offer?
3. If I choose hospice services will the amount of service available to me remain the same, or do you re-evaluate and increase services if needed? How often?
4. When I call your hospice agency, is the phone answered by an answering service **or** will I be speaking to a nurse? How about after hours, weekends, holidays?
5. If 'continuous care' is needed in the home, do you provide it? What does it entail?
6. Does your agency provide grief counseling?

### **Personal care questions**

1. What are the costs to me and my loved one if we decide to have hospice services?
2. Will my loved one continue to see his/her own doctors?
3. Will my loved one continue to receive the medications he/she is on now?
4. What if I need a hospital bed? Oxygen? Wheelchair? Or other equipment. Do you provide it? Does it cost me anything?
5. What if I cannot care for my loved one at home because of my own illness? What if the care needs at home are more than I can physically do?
6. What do I do in the middle of the night my loved one is not doing well? When should I call 911/ambulance?

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