

# **As a Medicare Certified Hospice, we provide 4 Levels of Care**

## Levels of Community (in-home) Hospice Care:

### **Routine Care:**

A routine home care day is a day in which the person receiving hospice care is at home receiving basic hospice services and not receiving continuous care

### **Continuous Care:**

- Continuous care is only provided during periods of crisis – the person requires continuous care to achieve palliation or management of acute medical symptoms.
- The person must receive at least 8 hours of care (more than 50% of this must be skilled nursing care by an RN or LPN) within a 24 hour period (midnight to midnight).
- The amount of care must be necessary to keep a terminally ill person at home.

### **General Inpatient Care (GIP):**

A general inpatient day is a day in which a person who has elected hospice care receives care in an approved inpatient facility for pain control or chronic symptom management that cannot be managed at home.

### **Respite Care:**

An inpatient respite care day is a day in which a person that has elected hospice care receives care in an approved facility on a short term basis (5days) for respite. Additional respite days are paid at the routine home care rate.