



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

THE MARGARET Z. DOZIER HOSPICE HOUSE

WHAT IS THE MARGARET Z. DOZIER HOSPICE HOUSE?

It's an inpatient unit available for patients under a variety of circumstances. This facility located off Mahan Center Boulevard in Tallahassee offers the hospitality of 12 private rooms and around -the-clock family visitation privileges in a home-like atmosphere. Care is provided 24/7 by a team of nurses, aides, physicians, social workers, chaplains, and music therapists who work together to help the patient and family with what is most important to them. Trained volunteers can provide companionship and respite for those sitting by the patient's bedside.

WHAT TYPE OF CARE IS OFFERED AT THE DOZIER HOUSE?

Our hospice house is available for patients to come and go for short-term treatment of difficult or challenging symptoms. This option is typically offered when symptoms cannot be managed at home, with patients often returning home once symptoms are resolved. Some of these circumstances include pain, shortness of breath, nausea, advanced wounds, agitation, restlessness, and constipation.

ISN'T THE MARGARET Z. DOZIER HOUSE A PLACE PATIENTS GO TO DIE?

No, patients often return home following a stay once their symptoms are under control. Most of the hospice care is provided at home. The purpose of a stay at the Dozier House is for short-term care to address unmanaged symptoms, such as pain and nausea.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T WANT ME OR MY LOVED ONE TO LEAVE THE DOZIER HOSPICE HOUSE?

Our Hospice House is designed for short-term stays. Our hospice team of doctors, nurses, and social workers will work with patients and families to plan future care and determine the options available.

IS THERE A LIMIT TO HOW MANY TIMES I USE THE DOZIER HOSPICE HOUSE?

No, there are times when patients may have symptoms requiring multiple inpatient stays. Additionally, patients can use our Hospice House for caregiver breaks on an occasional basis. We work to make it a seamless transition between settings.

DO PATIENTS GET BILLED FOR USING THE MARGARET Z. DOZIER HOSPICE HOUSE?

Services and care provided at our Hospice House are covered in full by Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurances. We will work with families to determine any costs associated with an inpatient stay, including respite. Thanks to the Big Bend Hospice Foundation and the generous support from the community, no one is ever turned away for inability to pay.

WHAT ARE SOME UNIQUE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE SOCIAL WORKER AT THE DOZIER HOUSE?

Our social workers can help patients-caregivers make funeral and memorial service arrangements. They can also assist in completing an Advance Directive or Five Wishes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DOZIER HOSPICE HOUSE,
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