



BASIC FACTS & FIGURES:

HOSPICE SERVICES¹

- Hospices provide palliative care and social, emotional, and spiritual support services to terminally ill patients and their families, focusing on comfort and quality of life, rather than curative treatments.
- In 2007, there were 3,257 Medicare-certified hospices, up slightly from 2006 (3,036) and up substantially from 1984 (31), which is shortly after Medicare created a hospice benefit. 63% are free-standing, 19% are home health agency-based, 17% are hospital-based, and 1% is skilled nursing facility-based. There are also an estimated 200 volunteer agencies that are not Medicare-certified.²
- The majority of hospice providers (49%) have a nonprofit status. Conversely, 46% are for-profit and 5% are government programs.³
- In 2006, total Medicare hospice clients equaled 964,614. The average length of stay was 71 days and the average amount spent per client was \$9,567.
- Cancer diagnoses account for 46.1% of all hospice admissions; however non-cancer diagnoses are on the rise. After cancer, the top chronic diseases served by hospice include heart disease (12.2%), debility unspecified (11.8%), dementia (10.0%), lung disease (7.7%), and stroke or coma (3.4%).³
- Medicare is the largest payer of hospice care followed by Medicaid, where hospice is an optional service and covered by 47 states and the District of Columbia.⁴ In addition to Medicare (70.2%) and Medicaid (4.4%), other payers include private insurance (9.9%), self pay (.2%), other (.9%), and unknown (14.4%).⁵

¹Source: Unless otherwise specified, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Hospice Center;Office of the Actuary) at www.cms.hhs.gov, accessed July 2008.

²Hospice Association of America. Hospice Facts & Statistics. March 2008. www.nahc.org

³National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. *NHPCO Facts and Figures: Hospice Care in America*. November 2007 Edition. www.nhpc.org/research;

⁴Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Oklahoma do not provide Medicaid hospice benefit.

⁵U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 2000 National Home and Hospice Care Survey, CD-ROM Series 13, No. 31. July 2002.

- Hospices tend to be located in the southern United States, as well as Texas and California.

KEY HOSPICE DATA BY STATE, 2006

State	Number of Hospices	Persons Served	Covered Days of Care		Total Charges (Thousands)
			Number	Per Person	
AK	5	502	27,977	57	\$5,170
AL	117	25,976	2,922,591	113	\$393,880
AR	51	9,396	701,216	75	\$101,916
AZ	55	27,357	2,251,764	83	\$357,022
CA	195	81,101	5,083,713	63	\$890,862
CO	45	13,779	846,995	62	\$133,860
CT	30	9,312	408,031	44	\$83,041
DC	3	1,008	52,777	54	\$10,178
DE	7	3,295	222,107	68	\$35,765
FL	42	87,805	6,278,231	72	\$1,022,066
GA	110	26,353	1,932,951	74	\$296,085
HI	7	1,973	102,071	53	\$16,954
IA	70	13,062	742,591	57	\$111,711
ID	36	4,069	321,396	79	\$42,446
IL	106	36,615	2,058,243	57	\$356,334
IN	78	20,206	1,339,532	67	\$201,626
KS	54	11,173	832,124	76	\$113,823
KY	27	11,813	695,321	62	\$94,763
LA	102	14,202	1,069,273	76	\$142,500
MA	53	18,509	1,112,649	60	\$179,942
MD	28	12,512	644,714	52	\$101,692
ME	19	3,800	231,637	61	\$33,498
MI	95	35,294	1,999,329	57	\$336,612
MN	64	13,129	791,016	61	\$126,340
MS	108	14,458	1,729,261	121	\$218,460
MO	94	21,648	1,528,484	71	\$209,924
MT	27	2,729	166,996	61	\$23,824
NC	80	28,745	2,258,031	79	\$332,340
ND	15	1,503	94,846	64	\$12,988
NE	33	5,202	288,659	56	\$39,731
NH	21	3,718	207,682	56	\$33,814
NJ	51	23,591	1,310,073	57	\$220,725
NM	44	7,274	632,262	88	\$91,249
NV	13	6,854	407,591	60	\$69,159
NY	51	35,391	1,890,167	54	\$327,636
OH	103	44,398	2,743,497	62	\$436,325
OK	144	19,108	2,089,828	110	\$270,985
OR	49	14,352	830,717	58	\$139,875
PA	143	47,925	2,978,827	63	\$452,183
RI	8	4,049	240,867	60	\$39,664
SC	59	14,753	1,241,460	85	\$184,697
SD	14	1,837	95,683	52	\$13,972
TN	57	17,852	1,196,297	67	\$174,861
TX	257	67,947	5,092,840	75	\$737,772
UT	59	8,012	718,917	91	\$99,209
VA	73	18,213	1,125,343	62	\$164,951
VT	10	1,293	71,008	55	\$10,199
WA	32	16,809	954,926	57	\$163,490

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WI	56	17,324	1,075,981	63	\$168,410
WV	18	6,061	453,342	75	\$59,222
WY	18	903	51,785	58	\$7,382
US	3,036	934,190	64,143,619	69	\$9,891,133

Source: Table 8.3. Medicare and Medicaid Statistical Supplement, 2007. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (data obtained July 2008). Available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareMedicaidStatSupp/LT/list.asp#TopOfPage>