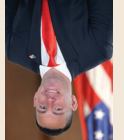




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**STANDING UP FOR
COMPASSIONATE CARE**
Protecting Access To Quality Hospice Care

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Assemblyman Brian Maher is fighting to ensure that only nonprofit organizations provide hospice care in New York—keeping compassion, not profit, at the heart of end-of-life care.



Hospice Care: BRINGING COMFORT, DIGNITY, AND PEACE

Being prepared for when a loved one needs end-of-life care can bring comfort, peace, and dignity. Hospice care provides compassionate support for patients and families when treatment is no longer the goal – comfort is.



WHAT HOSPICE CARE IS¹

- ◆ Focuses on comfort and quality of life, not cure.
- ◆ Provides medical, emotional, and spiritual support at home, in nursing homes, or in hospice facilities

WHO QUALIFIES²

- ◆ Patients with a life expectancy of six months or less (cancer, heart/lung disease, dementia, etc.)
- ◆ A doctor's certification is required – but anyone can request an evaluation

WHAT HOSPICE PROVIDES³

- ◆ Expert pain and symptom management
- ◆ 24/7 nurse availability
- ◆ Medications, supplies, and equipment
- ◆ Counseling and grief support for families

HOW IT'S PAID FOR¹

- ◆ Covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance
- ◆ No out-of-pocket costs for most families

WHEN TO BEGIN HOSPICE⁴

- ◆ Early enrollment improves comfort, caregiver support, and quality of time together

HOSPICE VS. PALLIATIVE CARE⁵

- ◆ **Palliative Care:** For any stage of illness, even during treatment
- ◆ **Hospice Care:** For when treatment is no longer effective or desired

PREPARING AHEAD⁶

- ◆ Complete advance directives
- ◆ Discuss care preferences (home or facility)
- ◆ Identify support networks

LOCAL RESOURCES FOR ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS:

- ◆ **Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc.**
845-561-6111 | www.hospiceoforange.com
- ◆ **United Hospice of Orange & Rockland Counties** | 845-634-4974
- ◆ **NYS Department of Health Hospice Directory:** health.ny.gov
- ◆ **211 Hudson Valley:** Call 2-1-1 for caregiver and community support

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