When advanced illness overwhelms, it takes a unique medical provider to respond at such a sensitive time – and requires an array of healthcare services with skilled and confident caregivers.

Care Dimensions, one of the nation’s first hospice programs and the region’s largest, provides services in more than 90 communities in Eastern Massachusetts. As a non-profit, community-based leader in advanced illness care, our services include:

- Hospice
- Palliative care
- Specialized care programs: Dementia, Cardiac and Lung Diseases, Pediatrics
- Meeting the unique needs of: Veterans, Jewish patients, Developmentally disabled adults, the LGBTQ community
- Kaplan Family Hospice House
- Grief support
- Education and training

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PEDIATRIC HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

Childhood is precious, no matter how long it may be. At Care Dimensions, we cherish our youngest patients – infants, children and adolescents living with life-threatening illnesses – and surround them with expert medical care and nurturing support. Our specialized pediatric program provides family-centered hospice and palliative care services at home and in the community.

PEDIATRIC TEAM

Our pediatric interdisciplinary team includes a board-certified hospice and palliative care physician, skilled pediatric nurses, spiritual counselors, social workers, hospice aides, expressive therapists, a certified child life specialist and volunteers. We provide 24/7 support, working with each child's primary medical team to offer seamless care. Our pediatric team focuses on:

- Maximizing quality of life
- Minimizing pain and non-pain symptoms
- Supporting the needs of family members
- Providing consultations on goals of care

PEDIATRIC SERVICES

We have an open access philosophy that allows pediatric patients to continue receiving curative treatments while enrolled in hospice care, with an additional focus on relieving symptoms and managing pain. Families can also continue receiving block nursing and home health assistance from other providers.

At Care Dimensions, each child receives an individualized care plan to meet specific needs, hopes and goals. The plan addresses the medical, nursing, psychosocial and spiritual needs of the child and family, emphasizing quality of life.

Services include:

- Pediatric nurse visits to manage pain and other symptoms
- 24/7 support for questions and nursing visits
- Physician consultation at home or in the hospital
- Home delivery of medications and equipment
- Coordination with the child's physician and other health care providers
- Kaplan Family Hospice House for respite care or inpatient symptom management
- Hospice home health aide
- Guidance in navigating community resources
- Complementary and expressive therapies for comfort and relaxation
- Spiritual support
- Medical social services
- Child life specialist to help with expressing emotion
- Trained volunteers to assist the child and family
- Bereavement support

PERI-NATAL PROGRAM

Care Dimensions offers a specialized service to parents who will give birth to an infant with a life-limiting condition, creating a bridge from pregnancy to parenthood to bereavement. Partnering with the family and medical team, we develop a care plan that addresses the family’s goals during pregnancy and delivery and following birth. We can help transition care to the home, or plan arrangements and memorial services. Bereavement support is provided to parents and siblings.

KAPLAN FAMILY HOSPICE HOUSE

Our Kaplan Family Hospice House has a pediatric suite that offers a homelike atmosphere for patients who need expert care for pain and symptom management or respite care. The suite features a private bathroom, a fold-out couch for parents or other caregivers to stay overnight, and doors that open onto a private patio and landscaped gardens. The house has several comfortable family rooms, a country kitchen, a dedicated play space with toys and a computer for visiting siblings, and beautiful grounds for walks. Family members (even 4-legged ones) are welcome to visit at any time.

PAYMENT FOR HOSPICE CARE

Hospice services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans.

REFERRALS

Anyone can make a referral for hospice or a palliative care consultation. Please call 888-287-1255 or use our secure online referral form at CareDimensions.org.

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