

§ 558.811 Hospice Comprehensive Assessment

(a) The hospice must conduct and document a client-specific comprehensive assessment that identifies a client's need for hospice care and services. The comprehensive assessment must:

(1) identify the client's physical, psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual needs related to the terminal illness that must be addressed in order to promote the client's well-being, comfort, and dignity throughout the dying process;

(2) include all areas of hospice care related to the palliation and management of the client's terminal illness and related conditions;

(3) accurately reflect the client's health status at the time of the comprehensive assessment and include information to establish and monitor a plan of care; and

(4) identify the caregiver's and family's willingness and capability to care for the client.

(b) The hospice interdisciplinary team, in consultation with the client's attending practitioner, if any, must complete the comprehensive assessment within five days after the election of hospice care.

(c) The comprehensive assessment must take into consideration the following factors:

(1) the nature of the condition causing admission, including the presence or lack of objective data and the client's subjective complaints;

(2) complications and risk factors that could affect care planning;

(3) the client's functional status, including the client's ability to understand and participate in the client's own care;

(4) the imminence of the client's death;

(5) the severity of the client's symptoms;

(6) a review of all the client's prescription and over-the-counter drugs, herbal remedies, and other alternative treatments that could affect drug therapy, to identify the following:

(A) the effectiveness of drug therapy;

(B) drug side effects;

(C) actual or potential drug interactions;

(D) duplicate drug therapy; and

(E) drug therapy currently associated with laboratory monitoring;

(7) an initial bereavement assessment of the needs of the client's family and other persons that:

(A) focuses on the social, spiritual, and cultural factors that may impact their ability to cope with the client's death; and

(B) gathers information that must be incorporated into the plan of care and considered in the bereavement plan of care; and

(8) the need for the hospice to refer the client or the client family member to appropriate health professionals for further evaluation.

Notes

26 Tex. Admin. Code § 558.811

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