

§ 558.830 Provision of Hospice Core Services

(a) A hospice must routinely provide substantially all core services directly by hospice employees in a manner consistent with accepted standards of practice. A hospice must provide the following core services:

- (1) physician services;
- (2) nursing services;
- (3) medical social services; and
- (4) counseling services.

(b) A hospice may contract for physician services as specified in §558.831 of this division (relating to Hospice Physician Services).

(c) A hospice may use contracted staff if necessary to supplement hospice employees to meet the needs of clients under extraordinary or other non-routine circumstances. A Medicare-certified hospice may also enter into a written contract with another Medicare-certified hospice to provide core services if necessary to supplement hospice employees to meet the needs of a client. The contracting hospice must maintain professional management responsibility for the services provided in accordance with § 558.854 of this subchapter (relating to Hospice Professional Management Responsibility). Circumstances under which the hospice may enter into a written contract for the provision of core services include:

- (1) unanticipated periods of high client loads;
- (2) staffing shortages due to illness or other short-term temporary staffing situations that could interrupt client care; and
- (3) temporary travel of a client outside of the hospice's service area.

Notes

26 Tex. Admin. Code § 558.830

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