



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3712.10 Palliative care in inpatient facilities.

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(A) In addition to providing palliative care to hospice patients, a hospice care program may provide palliative care in an inpatient facility or unit operated by the program to patients who are not hospice patients, but only if the care is provided to each patient on a short-term basis and the care is medically necessary for the patient receiving the care.

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter describing a hospice care program as being authorized to provide care and services only to hospice patients, the provision of palliative care under this division is considered a component of the activities authorized by the hospice care program's license.

(B) The director of health shall adopt rules governing the provision of palliative care under division (A) of this section to patients who are not hospice patients. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(C) Nothing in this chapter precludes an entity that holds a license for a hospice care program, including a program that exercises the authority described in division (A) of this section, from owning, being owned by, or otherwise being affiliated with an entity that provides palliative care to patients who are not hospice patients.
