



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3701-19-07 General requirements for hospice care programs after licensure.

Effective: January 23, 2020

(A) Any person or public agency licensed under section 3712.04 of the Revised Code and this chapter to provide a hospice care program shall:

(1) Provide a planned and continuous hospice care program, the medical components of which shall be under the direction of a physician;

(2) Ensure that care is available twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week;

(3) Establish an interdisciplinary plan of care for each hospice patient and the patient's family that:

(a) Is coordinated by one designated individual who shall ensure that all components of the plan of care are addressed and implemented;

(b) Addresses maintenance of patient-family participation in decision making;

(c) Is periodically reviewed by the patient's attending physician and by the patient's interdisciplinary team; and

(d) Provides a list of services that will be provided by or arranged for by the hospice care program.

(4) Have an interdisciplinary team or teams that provide or supervise the provision of care and establish the policies governing the provision of the care;

(5) Provide bereavement counseling for hospice patients' families;

(6) Not discontinue care because of a hospice patient's inability to pay for the care;

(7) Maintain central clinical records on all hospice patients under its care; and



- (8) Provide care in individual's homes, on an outpatient basis, and on a short-term inpatient basis.
- (B) A component or components of the care provided by a hospice care program may be provided under a written contract with another person or public agency, pursuant to rule 3701-19-12 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) After receiving a license, a hospice care program shall comply with all requirements of Chapter 3712. of the Revised Code and Chapters 3701-13 and 3701-19 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) Each licensed hospice care program shall notify the director, in writing, of any of the following:
- (1) Any change in any of the information specified in the license application under paragraphs (C)(1) to (C)(3) of rule 3701-19-03 of the Administrative Code no later than fifteen days after the change;
- (2) Any other change that would render the information submitted in the license application inaccurate at least twenty-one days prior to the effective date of the change;
- (3) Any intent to cease operation at least sixty days prior to ceasing operation. This notification shall include a plan for assuring continuity of care for the program's patients and their families after the program ceases operation; and
- (4) Each hospice care program that intends to cease operation shall do the following to assure the continuity of care of hospice program patients and their families by:
- (a) Providing a written notice of the proposed closure of the program, at least sixty days prior to ceasing operation, to each patient or patient's family;
- (b) Developing a written discharge plan to be placed in each patient's record to assist the person or public agency that will be responsible for care of the patient and the patient's family after the program ceases operation; and
- (c) Obtaining from each patient or their authorized representative a written approval of any transfer to



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another licensed hospice care program and a written authorization to release pertinent clinical records information to such a program or another person or public agency that will assume responsibility for the patient's and family's care.