

What are Hospice Respite Benefits?



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Respite is one of the levels of care available to patients under their Medicare or Medicaid hospice benefit.

When is Respite Used?

Respite care is designed to provide a break for caregiver(s) if needed.

Where?

Respite can be provided in a hospice house or an approved nursing home where 24 hour nursing service is provided.

How Long is Respite?

A patient can be placed in respite for up to 5 consecutive days.

How Often?

Five day respite stays can be used as often as patient/caregiver needs warrant, but cannot be used consecutively.

How is it Paid For?

A per diem is provided to the hosting facility through the hospice Medicare or Medicaid benefit.

