

# CMMC GIP (General InPatient) Hospice: Referral Decision Tree for Patient in ED or Admitted To Hospital

## IS PATIENT ELIGIBLE FOR HOSPICE?

(See Diagnosis-Specific Hospice Medicare Eligibility Guidelines)

**YES**

**NO**

**Consider Discharge Referral To:**  
Home Health Nursing,  
Transitions of Care Team, and/or  
Outpatient Community Palliative Care



### GIP appropriate if:

- ✓ Uncontrolled symptoms cannot be managed at home or in current care setting: (Ex: pain, nausea, dyspnea, respiratory distress, delirium with behavioral issues)
- ✓ Symptom management requires frequent medication adjustments and monitoring.
- ✓ Patient condition is labile or declining, needing intensive nursing intervention.
- ✓ Death is imminent **AND** skilled nursing needs are present. (Ex: Assessment of non-verbal signs/symptoms of pain or distress, or complex wound care needed for open wounds.)



### GIP NOT appropriate if:

- ✗ Patient is actively dying but is comfortable, or symptoms are well managed with no skilled nursing needs.
- ✗ Patient simply doesn't want to die at home.
- ✗ Caregiver cannot provide adequate care at home/ no caregiver at home.
- ✗ Living conditions in the patient's home are unsafe.
- ✗ Caregiver needs respite.

**YES**

### Consider referral options:

- ✓ Home Hospice Agency
- ✓ Respite Placement
- ✓ Long Term Care
- ✓ Engage Case Management/Social Work teams to identify other family or community resources.

**Verify patient/family received GIP Hospice level of care information, that they want it, and they have selected either **Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice** or **Beacon Hospice** as their provider.**

The goal is to **initiate** GIP hospice admits by 4pm (except Hospice House – 24/7)

**Androscoggin Home Health & Hospice**

**Beacon Hospice Care**

1) Call **CMHC Inpatient Palliative Care Navigator** at **(207) 330-9311** for possible transfer to **Androscoggin Hospice House**, or to admit inpatient GIP at hospital  
**(Mon thru Fri 8am to 4:30 pm),**

**OR**

2) Evenings/weekends; if Navigator unavailable, call **Androscoggin Patient Service Center** at **(207) 777-7740**

Call **Beacon Hospice Patient Services**  
**(207) 784-4242**