

Qualifying Hospice Guidelines for HIV



Terminal stage will be considered if at least **one** lab test plus **one** HIV co-morbidity and a Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS) of less than or equal to 50% (Click here for Karnofsky Status).

Lab Tests:

- CD4+ <25 cells/mcl
- Persistent viral load >100,000 copies/ml (2 or more assays at least one month apart)

HIV co-morbidities:

- CNS lymphoma
- Untreated (or persistent despite tx) wasting (loss of at least 10% lean body mass)
- Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) bacteremia untreated/unresponsive to tx
- Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
- Systemic lymphoma w/ advanced HIV disease & partial response to chemotherapy
- Visceral Kaposi's sarcoma unresponsive to therapy
- Renal failure in the absence of dialysis
- Cryptosporidium infection
- Toxoplasmosis unresponsive to therapy

Supporting factors for hospice eligibility

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| Chronic persistent diarrhea for 1 year | <input type="checkbox"/> | Absence of or resistance to effective antiretroviral, chemotherapeutic and prophylactic drug therapy related to HIV dx | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Persistent serum albumin <2.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Advanced AIDS dementia complex | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Concomitant, active substance abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> | Toxoplasmosis | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Age >50 years | <input type="checkbox"/> | CHF, symptomatic at rest | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advanced liver disease | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Information obtained from: ngsmedicare.com/NGSMedicare/lcd/L25678_active_lcd.htm dated 6.5.09. This sheet is designed as a fact-finding tool to help determine prognosis as it relates to making a hospice referral. This sheet is not intended to be used to formulate diagnosis and does not confirm/rule out hospice qualification. If the patient meets the factors you may wish to make a referral to Hospice of Spokane. You may do so by calling 509.456.0438 or filling out the online referral form at <http://hospiceofspokane.org/admissions.html>.

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