



Lawrence County Council of Community Services Information & Referral Services

Agency/Organization:	Odyssey HealthCare
Program(s):	Hospice Care
Site Address(es):	190 Bilmar Drive, Suite #200, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (All of our visiting employees work from home)
Mailing Address:	Same as above
Executive Director:	General Manager – Bryan Sturgeon
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Program(s) Contact(s):	Pamela Johnson, RN CHPN
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Area(s) Served:	All of Lawrence County – Home, Independent Living, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, and Hospitals
Website Address:	Odsyhealth.com
Eligibility Requirements:	Those who have an end stage disease who desire aggressive comfort measures and have a prognosis of six months or less if the disease has run its normal course.
Population Served:	Adults
Statement of Services:	Hospice is not a place; it's a concept about the quality of life as it nears its end for the patients and their families and friends. Even when medicine cannot provide a cure, it can offer comfort, care and assistance that can help maintain a better quality of life for the patient. This type of attention, called palliative care, involves the aggressive treatment of

	<p>physical and emotional pain and symptoms. It focuses on enhancing a patient’s comfort and improving quality of life. Hospice is based on the belief that through sensitive, appropriate care and the support of a caring community, terminally ill patients and their families can begin to prepare to face the inevitable challenges ahead.</p> <p>Centuries ago, a hospice was a shelter for travelers. Over the years, it evolved into a refuge where people could find care, comfort, and support during difficult times in their journey through life.</p> <p>When a patients’ physician certifies that hospice care is appropriate, one of Odyssey HealthCare’s nurses will admit the patient to our program within three hours – 24 hours a day, seven days a week.</p> <p>On average those who choose hospice live approximately 29 days longer than those who do not choose hospice care. The nurse and an Odyssey physician, who specialize in understanding and treating pain, will develop a plan of care to ease the discomforting symptoms of the patient’s condition. Under Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance programs, Odyssey will provide medical supplies and equipment associated with the terminal illness, such as bandages, catheters, oxygen, hospital bed, wheelchair, and walkers, at no cost to the patient. Odyssey will also provide medications associated with the terminal illness to help relieve symptoms at no cost to the patient.</p>
Mission Statement:	To serve all people during the end of life journey.
Brief Overview of Services/Programs:	<p>To be eligible for Odyssey services, patients must agree to receive palliative care, that is, care that helps ease pain and discomforting symptoms, rather than seeking care that attempts to cure a disease. The attending physician and the Odyssey team physician must also concur that the patient’s estimated life expectancy is six months or less if the illness runs its normal course. However, patients that live longer than six months continue to be eligible for Odyssey’s hospice care if the doctor recertifies that the illness is terminal.</p> <p>Odyssey’s care is available to terminally ill patients with a wide range of diagnoses including: lung diseases, kidney diseases, Parkinson’s Disease, neurological diseases, cancer, liver diseases, AIDS, Lou Gehrig’s Disease, heart diseases, Alzheimer’s Disease, diabetes. Odyssey accepts patients without regard to gender, national origin, race, creed, sexual orientation, disability, age, or place of residence.</p>