



Omega Homes: A Community Response to the End-of-Life Caregiver Crisis



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Why are Omega Homes needed?

4 of 5 Americans indicate a desire to die at home, but only half of them actually will. Medical Hospice services are comprehensive but intermittent, while final days care is round-the-clock with significant physical, emotional, social and financial demands. Omega Homes are a response to the gap created when a lack of caregivers and resources prevent a peaceful death at home.

How do Omega Homes solve this challenge?

Omega Homes offer a haven of loving care for people enrolled in medical hospice who can no longer remain in their own homes during the last months of life. We ease the caregiver burden and become a home and family to people in need.

"As painful and difficult as the end-of-life process was, I'm so incredibly thankful an Omega Home was an option for us."

-Family Member of an Omega Home Resident

Omega Homes are:

- designed for and totally focused on care at the end of life
- individualized loving care in a community home setting
- not a medical facility
- created by the local community for the local community
- independent nonprofits

What is the future for Omega Homes?

We envision a future where people and families have the expectation of dying well - in comfort, with dignity and supported by expert and compassionate care. Omega Homes are part of the movement to improve the end-of-life experience for individuals and families in America. Our hope is that an Omega Home is available in every community willing and able to support one.



Understanding the Difference Between an Omega Home and Medical Hospice

Both provide quality end-of-life care to terminally ill people, but the services are different. Hospice provides medical management in every Omega Home. Omega Homes provide a home and round-the-clock care. Together, people receive complete end-of-life care without duplication of services.

	Omega Home	Medical Hospice
Who is eligible?	Those enrolled with a medical hospice agency who have reached their final days and do not have adequate caregiver resources at home	Those with a life expectancy of six months or less as documented by the physician
What type of care is provided and who provides it?	Nonmedical, comfort-based, supportive level of care provided by a team of trained caregivers and volunteers	Medical hospice care led by a team of doctors and nurses
How often is care provided?	24/7	Intermittent
Where is care provided?	Community home	Hospitals, hospice centers, nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, personal homes
How much does it cost?	Free or sliding-scale	Paid for by Medicare/ Medicaid and some private insurance companies
What is included?	24/7 living arrangements, 24/7 care, support services for guests and families, meals for residents	Hospice case management via an Interdisciplinary Team, medical equipment and supplies, medications