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Home Health and Hospice Care Provide Local Families with Critical Healthcare and Wellness Services in Familiar Settings

Services provided by Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice, a service of Reeves Regional Health.

PECOS, Texas (April 10, 2023) – Recovering from surgery, an injury, or a health condition in the hospital is one thing, but what happens when in-patient care is no longer required, yet a level of skilled nursing care is still needed? The same goes for patients with a terminal illness who want to spend the last of their days at home. In Reeves County, home health and hospice care services are invaluable for many patients and their loved ones.

Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice, a service of Reeves Regional Health (RRH), is a comprehensive entity comprising nurses, home care aides, therapists, and social workers who make an impact caring for individuals requiring at-home healthcare.

"While the nature of hospice and home health services are very different, the core premise is the same by providing essential healthcare services to patients in their own home," explains Myra Taylor, RN, Director of Nursing, at Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice. "Both services are not commonly available in rural communities, so, remarkably, residents have access to these programs here in Pecos and the greater Reeves County region."

Taylor says that home health and hospice patients are very different in their needs and the required healthcare services.

Patients in the home health program are typically recovering from an accident, suffering from a chronic condition or new illness, requiring skilled nursing assistance, recuperating from an illness, or still needing help after being discharged from the hospital. Making for successful outcomes. Common home health services include skilled nursing; physical therapy and medical social services.

Hospice care offers personalized healthcare services and focuses on the unique needs of patients of any age diagnosed with a terminal illness who require consistent care throughout the remainder of their natural life.

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With an office in the new hospital, Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice now have expanded space for better supporting and coordinating with field technicians. Additionally, the new office space has meeting and conference space for families considering the department's services.

In November 2022, RRH began serving patients from a new 140,000-square-foot medical campus, replacing a nearly 45-year-old hospital nearing the end of its usage. As part of the move, the home health and hospice department grew its administrative footprint, bringing much-needed space.

According to Taylor, demand for home health services has grown over the past year as the word gets out. She says that the opening of the new hospital has also boosted awareness.

"The continuity of care available is so impactful to one's recovery," Taylor adds. "Imagine transitioning from the hospital to the comfort of your own home and still being able to receive critical wound care, physical therapy, and even have some lab samples drawn without leaving your doorstep. That's powerful healing in my book."

According to the National Association for Home Care and Hospice, it is estimated that 2.5 percent of Americans receive treatment from nurses, home health aides, therapists, and consultants in their own homes.

In addition, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization estimates that up to 1.6 million patients across the U.S. take advantage of hospice care annually.

"For us, providing home health or hospice care services is more than just a job," Taylor explains. "It is honestly a passion, knowing we are impacting the lives of our patients and their families. Being available and able to provide nursing and support 24/7 means healthcare is always within reach. That means something for our patients and family members

To qualify for home health services, a doctor's order is needed, and a patient must be homebound and under a medical provider's care, have an injury or illness that keeps them at home, and requires skilled nursing care or physical therapy on intermittent or daily basis for a short period. Hospice patients must be at the end of life due to a terminal illness or condition.

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Primary funding for both programs come from Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. Financial assistance programs are available for hospice patients.

For more information about either home health or hospice care services and to see if you or a loved one might be a candidate, talk with your healthcare providers or contact Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice at 432-445-3330.

About Reeves Regional Health

Reeves Regional Health (RRH), formally known as Reeves County Hospital District, provides healthcare services for Reeves County and neighboring West Texas communities. Founded in 1954, RRH, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers various medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory, and more. RRH also operates Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice, and Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic. In November 2022, RRH began serving patients from a new \$115 million, 140,000-square-foot campus. For more information, please visit www.reevesregional.com.

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