

Hospice Comparison Checklist

Ask the right questions before choosing hospice.

Bring this checklist to calls or visits. Ask each provider the same questions and record specific answers. Keep the same A, B and C labels on both pages.

PROVIDER A	PROVIDER B	PROVIDER C
Name	Name	Name
Phone	Phone	Phone
Date	Date	Date

01 / VISITS & HANDS-ON HELP

QUESTIONS TO ASK	Provider A	Provider B	Provider C
1. How quickly can a nurse visit during an emergency? Ask for the expected arrival time at your address, including nights and weekends.			
2. How often will a nurse visit my loved one? Ask about visit frequency, visit length, and changes when needs increase.			
3. Are home health aides available, and how frequently? Ask about personal care tasks, visit length, and coverage for missed visits.			

Support between visits

Continue with the same providers from page 1. Ask for examples of how help would work for your loved one, in the place where they will receive care.

02 / OVERNIGHT HELP, TRAINING & SUPPLIES

QUESTIONS TO ASK	Provider A	Provider B	Provider C
4. What happens if we need help overnight? Ask who answers, how to reach a nurse, and when an in-person visit is available.			
5. What training will family caregivers receive? Ask about medicines, comfort care, safe movement, and who to call with questions.			
6. Who provides medications, equipment, and supplies? Ask what is covered, who delivers and refills it, and about any family costs.			

Before you choose

Ask for a written care plan and clear answers to anything still uncertain.

☐ Care plan requested

☐ After-hours number saved

☐ Costs clarified

Follow-up:

Medicare coverage resource: [medicare.gov/coverage/hospice-care](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/hospice-care)
Tip: Ask each provider to explain what the care plan includes for your family.