

Hospice Eligibility

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

A patient with ALS may be eligible for hospice if:

The illness has progressed rapidly in the past 12 months to:

- Wheelchair or bed bound
- Barely or unintelligible speech
- Needs major assistance in most daily living activities

At least one of the following must also apply:

Breathing difficulty

- Shortness of breath is significant, even when resting
- Requires supplemental oxygen, even when resting

Nutritional impairment

- Oral intake of food is not sufficient
- Dehydration
- Continual weight loss with or without tube feedings

Life-threatening complications

- Pneumonia due to aspiration
- Multiple bedsores
- Urinary tract infections
- Sepsis
- Recurrent fever after antibiotics



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