

Hospice Eligibility

Stroke and Coma

A patient who has had a stroke or is in a coma may be eligible for hospice if:

- A coma or vegetative state lasts more than three days
- Severely sluggish with muscle twitching beyond three days
- Unable to swallow which prevents nourishment, and patient is not a candidate for artificial nutrition/hydration
- Comatose and experiencing three of the following on the third day of coma:
 - Abnormal brain stem response
 - Inability to speak
 - No response to pain
 - Elevated level of serum creatinine
 - Is older than 70

During the six months following a stroke, these factors can indicate a patient is eligible for hospice:

- Dementia is significant
- Scores poorly on Palliative Performance Scale
- Nutrition is poor despite feeding tube or IV
- Continuous, unintentional weight loss
- Other medical complications are present



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