

My mother can't tell you what hospice did for her and our family.

But I can.

- Annette O'Brien
Coatesville, PA

To our family, she was Mom, Gram, or GiGi.

She was a vital, important center in all our lives. When we found out GiGi's time was short, I called hospice. Hospice care allowed her to die at home, in peace and surrounded by her loving family. GiGi's death was a tribute to her life - and we couldn't have done it without hospice.

On October 1st, CMS will cut hospice rates, forcing programs to scale back services or close their doors permanently. To remedy this back-door rate cut, **the Medicare Hospice Protection Act** will delay the implementation of the cut for one year. This will give MedPAC and CMS more time to make evidence-based recommendations for the Medicare hospice benefit.

**Congress, hospice isn't about dying.
It's about living.**

**Pass the Medicare Hospice
Protection Act before October 1st.**



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The O'Brien Family was served by VITAS Innovative Hospice Care in July and August of 2008

