

Hospice.

Because a good life deserves a good death.

Hospice is health care that cares more - and costs less. In 2007, an independent study by Duke University found that hospice reduced Medicare costs by more than \$2 billion per year. Yet, hospice is under threat. Due to a regulation put in place by the previous Administration, hospices will face drastic cuts and be forced to scale back services or close their doors permanently. Without intervention from the White House or Congress, hospice rates will be slashed on October 1 of this year. Those paying the price are those needing hospice the most - dying patients and their families. We need to stop these rate cuts, because in the end, a good life deserves a good death.

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Protect it for all Americans.



The Alliance for Care
at the End of Life

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