

“The No. 1 complaint that families report on hospice Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) surveys is that they wish their loved one had entered hospice sooner.”¹

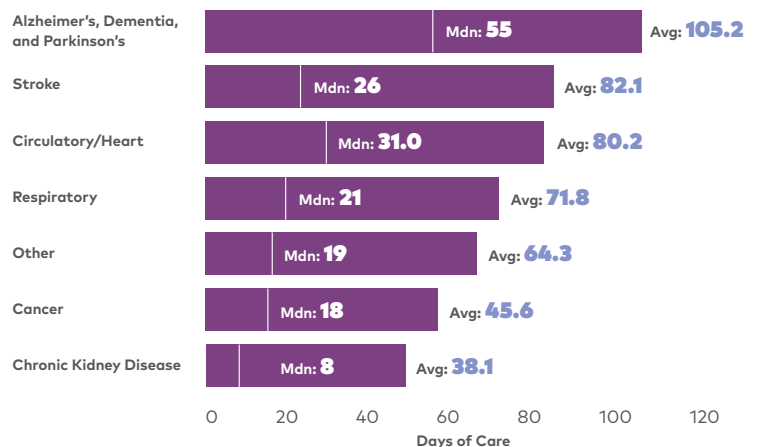
Within our service area, the average length of stay is 33.6 days (TargetWatch 2019), lower than the national averages.

Systemic Benefits of Earlier Hospice Referrals

- Help hospital partners by preventing costly readmissions. *(65% of our total admissions are from our local hospitals.)*
- Alleviate crisis care situations.
- Help your patients and families get the support they need.

National Data from NHPCO

Figure 15: Days of Care by Principal Diagnosis for 2018



*These values are computed using only days of care that occurred in 2018. Days of care have been combined for patients who had multiple episodes of care in 2018. Days of care occurring in other years are not included.

Source: CMS Data sourced by HCCL for NHPCO

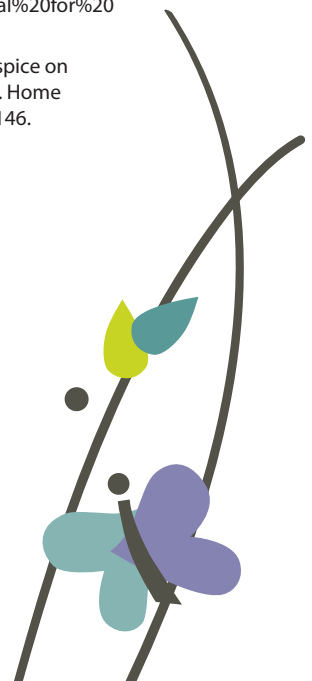
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“The option for symptom control in the outpatient setting is essential to preventing repeated and expensive hospital readmissions.”²

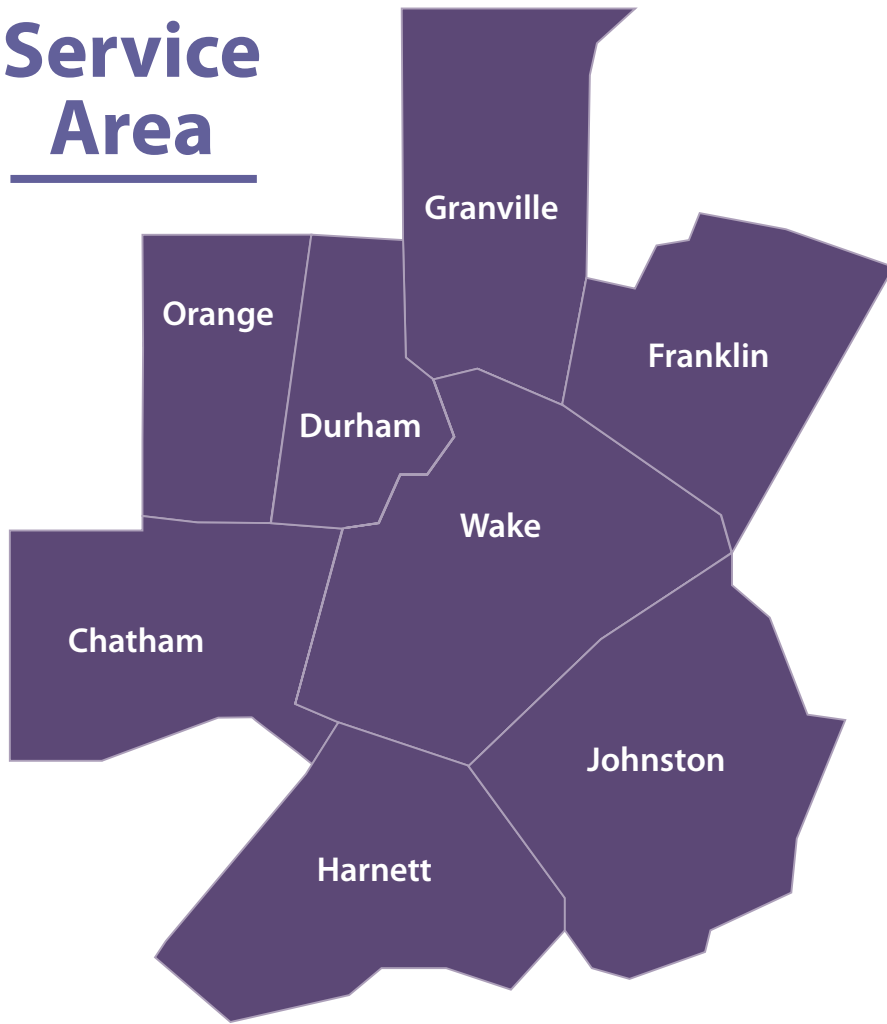
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