

## Hospice Cardiac Team

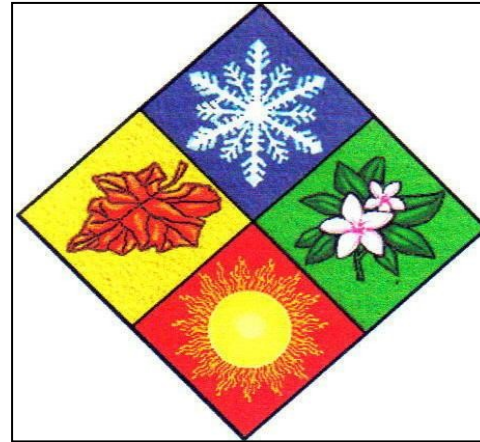
Our Hospice team consists of:

- ♥ Physician
- ♥ Registered Nurse
- ♥ Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- ♥ Licensed Practical Nurse
- ♥ Chaplain
- ♥ Registered Dietician
- ♥ Volunteers

We are committed to providing the best care to our patients and families. With the help of our dedicated Cardiac Team, you and your loved one can experience quality of life and live with dignity and respect.

*For more information about our **Heartbeat** program, call 607-334-3556 or visit our website at [www.hospicechenango.org](http://www.hospicechenango.org)*

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*Hospice & Palliative Care of Chenango County offers a specialized Cardiac Program for patients living with advanced cardiac disease.*

## What is the *Heartbeat* Program?

**Heartbeat** is a medical program that provides care to advanced cardiac patients in their own home. Palliative care is focused on controlling symptoms, such as pain, shortness of breath, weakness, nausea, fatigue, anxiety and depression. **Heartbeat** brings all the needed people and tools—nurses, social workers, clergy, volunteers, medications, equipment—to you at home when you need it. One of **Heartbeat's** goals is to allow you to stay at home and out of the hospital. Our support is available 24 hours a day to help you manage changes and crises. **Heartbeat** cares for the entire family, giving needed support and education to everyone involved.

## How is *Heartbeat* different from other Hospice programs?

- ♥ Specialized interdisciplinary team trained in advanced cardiac care
- ♥ In-home cardiac medication comfort pack
- ♥ In-home scales
- ♥ Disease specific care plans
- ♥ Disease specific treatment plan

## What *Heartbeat* Can Provide...

Our **Heartbeat** Program is committed to providing quality comfort care in an atmosphere of compassion and caring. Our dedicated team of highly trained professionals offers the following comprehensive cardiac comfort care to patients and families:

- ♥ Pain and symptom management of end stage cardiac disease
- ♥ Hospice nurse available 24 hours each day, 7 days a week
- ♥ Education and support to patient and caregivers
- ♥ Personal care and assistance with activities of daily living provided by LPNs
- ♥ Emotional support and counseling
- ♥ Assistance accessing community resources
- ♥ Spiritual support
- ♥ Respite for caregivers
- ♥ Provision of medications for pain and symptom management
- ♥ Equipment and supplies to ensure patient comfort and safety
- ♥ Bereavement services

## When is the Right Time to Call?

The best time to call is before you need us! We can meet with you and your family and explain our services in full, all free of cost and commitment. If the time is not right, we will put you in touch with the services that are right for you. Then you can bring Hospice in when you need us.

Discuss your options with your doctor and feel free to call us with any questions. Heart disease is hard enough to manage—you don't have to do it alone. Let Hospice help you.

## What are the Costs?

Hospice is fully covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurances. If you don't have insurance coverage, a sliding fee scale is available.

