

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Hospice Providers

- ☒ **What is Hospice Care, and How is it Different from Palliative Care?**
- ☐ **Is Your Hospice Care Accredited & Certified?**
- ☐ **What Services are Included in Hospice Care?**
- ☐ **Who Will Be on the Hospice Care Team?**
- ☐ **How are Pain & Symptoms Managed?**
 - 1. What medications are used?
 - 2. How often will pain levels be assessed?
 - 3. Are alternative therapies, such as massage or aromatherapy, available?
- ☐ **How Often Will Hospice Staff Visit?**
- ☐ **What Support is Provided for the Family?**
- ☐ **Is Respite Care Available?**
- ☐ **How are After-Hours or Emergency Situations Handled?**
 - 1. How often caregivers will visit?
 - 2. What equipment or supplies will be needed?
 - 3. Whether the home environment will need modifications to accommodate care?
- ☐ **What if We Decide to Discontinue Hospice Care?**
- ☐ **Are Spiritual & Emotional Needs Addressed?**
- ☐ **How is End-of-Life Care Provided & What Happens When the Time Comes?**
 - 1. What steps will be taken when the patient is actively dying?
 - 2. How will the family be involved or supported?
 - 3. What happens after the patient passes away, including bereavement services?