

POLICY:

Lifesong Hospice and Palliative Care is committed to increasing access to hospice for eligible patients.

PROCEDURE:

1. Lifesong Hospice and Palliative Care provides care, treatment, and services to patients who meet hospice admission criteria regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, religious creed, disability, diagnosis, or ability to pay.
2. Lifesong Hospice and Palliative Care provides information to the community and to referral resources regarding hospice services, eligibility for hospice care, and how services may be obtained.
3. When appropriate, community outreach efforts and education regarding hospice care, treatment, and services are provided, including periodic community needs assessments with the goal of increasing access to hospice care to underserved populations.
4. Admission criteria and eligibility limitations are periodically evaluated to identify potential impediments to access.

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