Interdisciplinary Group (IDG) PC.I55

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POLICY: Lifesong Hospice and Palliative Care designates an IDG composed of qualified individuals who assess, plan, provide and evaluate the care and services provided to hospice patients/caregivers.

PROCEDURE:

1. The IDG at Lifesong Hospice and Palliative Care includes, at a minimum, the following individuals:
    a. a Doctor of Medicine or osteopathy;
    b. a registered nurse;
    c. a social worker; and
    d. a pastoral or other counselor.

2. In addition, the IDG may include:
    a. the patient's attending physician (if any);
    b. trained volunteers under the supervision of the Volunteer Coordinator;
    c. hospice aides;
    d. bereavement counselors; and
    e. others with appropriate clinical and educational experience who meet specific needs of the hospice's patients as identified in the plan of care.

3. The IDG is responsible for:
    a. establishing, implementing, reviewing and revising the patient's plan of care;
    b. providing or coordinating care and services in accordance with the patient's plan of care;
    c. documenting all care and services provided in a timely manner in accordance with the hospice's documentation requirements;
    d. promoting the patient's acceptance of his/her own strengths and unique qualities;
    e. communicating with the patient's attending physician (if any) on a regular basis;
    f. recognizing and addressing the patients emotions (for example, loss, despair, loneliness, unresolved guilt, fear and anger; and
    g. promoting opportunities for the patient's personal growth including identifying areas for reconciliation, facilitating expressions of love, concern, regret and forgiveness.

4. A registered nurse member of the IDG is designated as the RN Case Manager for each patient/family. The RN Case Manager is responsible for coordinating the care and services provided by the IDG, ensuring continuous assessment of patient/family needs, and implementing the interdisciplinary plan of care.

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