

# Resident Returned to the ED?

It Might be Time for Hospice.

[Learn the Signs.](#)



When residents experience acute symptoms or repeated ED visits, hospice can help stabilize their condition in place—reducing unnecessary transfers and supporting both residents and families. VITAS brings expert, high-acuity care directly to your facility, minimizing disruptive hospitalizations and providing comfort-focused care for residents facing serious illness.

## Signs It May Be Time to Explore Hospice

Call 800.93.VITAS if **two or more** of the following apply:

- Dependent in 2–3 of 6 activities of daily living
- Shortness of breath or fatigue even at rest
- Multiple ED visits or hospitalizations
- 10% weight loss in the past 6 months
- Recurrent falls with injury
- Decreased tolerance to physical activity

When you refer to VITAS, you connect patients with:

- ✓ **24/7 clinical support**, including **Intensive Comfort Care®** with up to 24-hour bedside shifts for acute symptom management when clinically appropriate
- ✓ **Medications, supplies and equipment delivered onsite**
- ✓ **Dedicated Telecare line** for immediate access to hospice clinicians for guidance or urgent visits

With VITAS, your residents receive expert care that prioritizes comfort and dignity—right where they live.

**Request a consult or get information:**

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