

# HOSPICE

## Checklist

- A hospice is 'a coordinated program of home, outpatient, and inpatient care and services that is operated by a person or public agency that provides care and services to hospice patients to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and other special needs experienced during the final stages of illness, dying, and bereavement' (Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3712.01).
- Hospices must be certified by the Ohio Department of Health. Contact the Division of Quality Assurance at (614) 995-7466 for specific requirements and licensing information. Information is also on-line at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov>.
- More information can also be found in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3712 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Section 3701-19. The ORC and OAC can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>.
- Contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (614) 752-8200 for inspection information. Information is also on-line at <http://www.com.ohio.gov/fire>.
- Contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for information about the proper disposal of medical and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at (614) 644-3020 for General Inquiries or (800) 329-7518 for Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us).

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Also, remember to check Federal, State and local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements.  
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