

REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

- [] 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 the following care and services to hospice patients...in order to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and other special needs that are experienced during the final stages of illness, dying, and bereavement:
- 1) Nursing care by or under the supervision of a registered nurse;
 - 2) Physical, occupational, or speech or language therapy..;
 - 3) Medical social services by a social worker under the direction of a physician;
 - 4) Services of a home health aide;
 - 5) Medical supplies, including drugs and biologicals, and the use of medical appliances;
 - 6) Physician’s services;
 - 7) Short-term inpatient care;
 - 8) Counseling for hospice patients and hospice patients’ families;
 - 9) Services of volunteers under the direction of the provider of the hospice care program;
 - 10) Bereavement services for the hospice patients’ families”

(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> **Remember to check local government agencies**
- [] 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>. **Remember to check local government agencies**
- [] 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> **Remember to check local government agencies**
- [] 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 **Remember to check local government agencies.**

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

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THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.