



Visiting Nurse Association & Blue Water Hospice

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Re: Medicaid Room & Board Grant – State of Michigan

The Blue Water Hospice Home specializes in providing expert hospice comfort care for terminally ill patients when their own home is no longer an option. Our home offers a private, comfortable, and personalized setting where nurses and support staff provide 24-hour care (vnabwh.org/services/hospice-home). To be eligible to reside at our home, the patient must be admitted to receive care from Blue Water Hospice.

As of today's date, when a patient is approved for Medicaid health insurance through the State of Michigan, they become eligible for the State of Michigan Hospice Room and Board Grant. This grant, as funds are available, pays 100% of an eligible patient's room and board. The patient's primary health insurance is billed for provided hospice services.

The State of Michigan awards the grant October - September annually with no guarantee of continuation of funding. Several hospice facilities are awarded this grant each year with a stated maximum dollar amount to use.

Upon admission to the Blue Water Hospice Home, if there is currently no room and board coverage provided by Medicaid or other insurance plans, the patient is expected to self-pay at least one week in advance for the entire time at the facility or until room and board coverage is attained. If a patient becomes eligible for Medicaid coverage, room and board charges for the patient will be billed to the grant and all self-paid funds will be refunded to the retroactive date of Medicaid eligibility.

In addition to the Medicaid Room & Board Grant, we partner with several organizations that provide grant opportunities to residents of St. Clair County for room and board among other costs.

Please let me know if you have further questions or need clarification related to the usage of grant dollars obtained by our agency.

Sincerely,

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