

End of Life Resource List

In-Home Care

24Hr HomeCare: Does not require a two-hour minimum commitment; includes extensive background checks of caregivers. (800) 522-1516
24hrcares.com

AAA T.L.C. Health Care: Family operated caregiving agency for Los Angeles area. (866) 608-6608
aaatlc.com

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS): For those with Medi-Cal coverage, this program provides non-medical caregiving following assessment by a social worker. Number of hours assigned based on need.

IHSS Application, Toll Free:
(888) 944-IHSS (4477) or (213) 744-4477
cdss.ca.gov/agedblinddisabled/PG1296.htm

For guidance on what questions to ask when engaging home healthcare, visit: agingcare.com/Articles/questions-to-ask-before-hiring-caregiver-or-home-care-152188.htm

Hospice

When medical care cannot offer a cure, hospice provides care, comfort and support for persons with life-limiting conditions, as well as to their families. Hospice offers emotional support, family teaching and physical care. Hospice assists both patients and their families through the grieving process before and after death.

Hospice is most often provided in the home, but under some circumstances can be provided in a residential facility.

VITAS Healthcare
(877) 228-8162
Vitas.com/California/

Skirball Hospice
(877) 774-3040
SkirballHospice.org

Providence Trinity
(800) 535-8446
california.providence.org/trinitycare

Hospice Net: A non-profit organization that provides information and resources related to finding a local hospice, what to expect from hospice care, as well as helpful information on bereavement and self-care for caregivers and loved ones.
Hospicenet.org

Here are questions to consider when selecting a hospice: caringinfo.org/files/public/brochures/Choosing_Hospice.pdf

Grief and Bereavement

GriefNet.org: An Internet community of individuals dealing with grief, death and major loss. Their companion site, KIDSAID, provides a safe environment for kids and their parents to find information and ask questions.
griefnet.org

Hope Connection: Helps people who have lost a loved one by providing individual and group support, educational programs and information that promotes healing.

hopegroups.org

Our House: An organization that offers grief support groups by specially trained volunteers for adults and children who have lost a spouse, parent or child.

ourhouse-grief.org

Transportation

Affinity Transportation Services: Non-medical, wheel-chair transportation in the Los Angeles area.

(818) 800-4777

Access Paratransit: Free or low-cost curb-to-curb transportation service within Los Angeles County. Eligibility is determined based on an individual's ability to use public transportation, and is determined through an in-person transit evaluation.

(800) 827-0829

Accessla.org

Meal Delivery

Meals on Wheels: If eligible, this program delivers free meals to your door. Call or visit the website to find the location closest to you.

(888) 998-6325

mealsonwheelsamerica.org

Project Angel Food: Free food delivery for residents of Los Angeles County debilitated by critical illness.

(323) 845-1810

Angelfood.org

Legal

Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC):

A free legal resource for anyone experiencing discrimination as a result of illness or disability. Under the DRLC are the Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) and the End of Life Liberty Project, which focus on the rights of patients approaching end of life due to terminal illness.

(213) 736-1334 or (866) 999-3752

Disabilityrightslegalcenter.org

We the People: Online legal resource that provides assistance with completion of forms, including wills, living trusts, joint trusts, and others.

(818) 848-4421 or (562) 285-0885

californiawethepeople.com

Palliative Care

Both inpatient and outpatient palliative care services at UCLA are initiated with a doctor's order and referral to the service. Once an order has been placed, the patient will be contacted to schedule with a palliative care physician. Specific questions regarding scheduling and services can be directed to the numbers listed below:

Inpatient Palliative Care: Diana Ramirez at (424) 259-8160

Outpatient Palliative Care Coordinator: Nancy Torres at (310) 824-8428

Social Security Benefits

California State Disability Insurance: Provides short-term disability insurance (DI) and paid family leave (PFL) wage replacement benefits to eligible workers who need time off work. You may be eligible for DI if you are unable to work due to non-work-related illness or injury, pregnancy or childbirth. You may be eligible for PFL to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a new child.
edd.ca.gov/disability

Supplemental Security Income (SSI):

A federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues designed to help aged, blind and disabled people who have little or no income and provides cash to meet their basic needs for clothing, food and shelter.

Survivor Benefits: Social Security pays benefits to eligible children or spouses following the death of a loved one. Rates are calculated based on number of years worked and age. In some cases, payments begin at the time the application is submitted, rather than from the time the death occurred. For more information, please visit:
ssa.gov/survivors

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI):

This program is tied to the Social Security retirement program, but is for workers who become disabled before retirement age. Only workers who have worked and paid Social Security taxes for many years are insured by the SSDI program. A helpful website to help you understand the different programs and which ones you are eligible for: db101.org

Additional Resources

County of Los Angeles Office of Public Health: To obtain additional certified copies of the death certificate (\$21 each).

DPH Vital Records Office

313 N. Figueroa Street, Room Lobby-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012
publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/dcadeath.htm

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: If the deceased individual served in the military and was discharged (excluding dishonorable discharge), some reimbursement may be available to the family to help cover the costs of burial or cremation. More information at:
benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp

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