

Valor Hospice News

Current News from Valor HospiceCare and The Valor Institute for Palliative Medicine



Sierra Vista Office Receives Medicare Certification and CHAP Accreditation

Valor's Sierra Vista office has received its final Medicare Certification and Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) Accreditation.

"The certification process gives us the opportunity to grow our patient care services in Cochise County, while ensuring the highest level of care by becoming the only CHAP accredited provider in the area," said Joan Weaver, Executive Director & Administrator.

The Sierra Vista office opened in the Fall of 2007 and began accepting patients in March 2008 from our licensure by the Arizona Department of Health Services.



Currently, the team serves patients who qualify for hospice care services in the communities in of Sierra Vista, Ft. Huachuca, Huachuca City, Benson, St. David, Tombstone, Bisbee, Hereford and other areas.

Jolleen Gray, Program Director for Sierra Vista, said that the team plans on expanding coverage areas within the county within the next year. "The Medicare Certification

also gives the opportunity to serve AHCCCS patients as well, in partnership with Cochise Health Systems," said Gray. In addition to Valor's hospice care services, Valor provides palliative care home visit services for patients by Physicians highly trained in palliative and hospice medicine. Palliative care, also known as comfort care, is medical care focused on relieving suffering and improving quality of life.

Dr. Parag Patel, Medical Director, said "our palliative care program allows us as Physicians to not only visit patients in their home frequently, but gives us the opportunity to provide consultations and evaluations with other providers for patients who may have chronic diseases or illnesses before hospice care." Palliative care services typically segue into hospice care services as the illness progresses.

Valor has also partnered with the Southwest Hospice Foundation to provide for indigent care, as well as community education and health care staff development.

For further information, please contact Valor at 520.458.9450 or visit www.valorhospicecare.com.

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The Valor Institute for Palliative Medicine

Valor's mission has been centered on the goal of striving to be the recognized experts in hospice and palliative care in our markets served. While a lofty goal, the establishment of an academic-based program supports the foundation for innovation and an advanced level of care for hospice beneficiaries, families and the community.



For Palliative Medicine

As an illustration of our commitment to academics, knowledge and research, the company has invested in pre-hospice palliative care programs to ensure a continuum of care for patients.

Another example includes a comprehensive, cutting-edge, new employee orientation program developed with over 80 hours of competency-based training for all clinicians. Other programs include the use of evidence-based research, such as in the areas of integrative medicine, to support this high level of care.

Further developments are underway for teaching and research with local and national universities and organizations, as well as a relationship with the Southwest Hospice Foundation.

For further information, please visit www.valorhospicecare.com, www.swhospicefoundation.org, or contact our offices.

About Us

Valor HospiceCare & PalliativeCare provides compassionate, medically-directed holistic care for patients with advanced chronic and terminal illness and support for their families and loved ones. As an academic-based organization, with a focus on exemplary service and a dedication to making the most of every day, join us as we commit to improving end-of-life care, reducing costs to our healthcare system and expanding access to hospice and palliative care in the communities we serve. Valor is State Licensed, Medicare & Medicaid/AHCCCS Certified, CHAP Accredited and affiliates with TRICARE and most commercial insurance plans. Serving over 20 communities in southern Arizona, our teams currently support Pima, Southern Pinal, Santa Cruz and Cochise Counties.

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