
42 C.F.R. § 418.26

Discharge from hospice care.

(a) *Reasons for discharge.* A hospice may discharge a patient if—

- (1) The patient moves out of the hospice's service area or transfers to another hospice;
- (2) The hospice determines that the patient is no longer terminally ill; or
- (3) The hospice determines, under a policy set by the hospice for the purpose of addressing discharge for cause that meets the requirements of paragraphs (a)(3)(i) through (a)(3)(iv) of this section, that the patient's (or other persons in the patient's home) behavior is disruptive, abusive, or uncooperative to the extent that delivery of care to the patient or the ability of the hospice to operate effectively is seriously impaired. The hospice must do the following before it seeks to discharge a patient for cause:

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