# Why do you now have a Social Worker?

Your Brightmoor Hospice Social Worker is a key part of your care team. Serious illness affects both the patient and their family. Sometimes there are challenges with finances, insurance, community services, funeral planning and legal issues. Caregivers can also face major stress. They might be juggling multiple roles-- they may be both caregivers and parents at the same time, for example. Our social workers provide support and counseling to both patients and caregivers, so they never have to face caregiving alone, and always have a safe person to talk to.



## Here is what your Social Worker will do for you:

- Visit with you and your family to understand goals and values
- Communicate to the team your unique circumstances
- Look at strengths and weaknesses in your network- for example, are there enough supportive caregivers and friends?
- Continue to monitor any other social, emotional, spiritual or concrete needs that may come up for the entire Brightmoor team to address.
- Provide Counseling as needed, at no extra charge (All social work services are fully covered under the hospice benefit.)

*All Brightmoor Social Workers have a Council on Social Work Education MSW degree.*

*They serve patients wherever they are- whether at home, in an assisted living, in a nursing home or in one of our inpatient facilities- so they and their families are not alone on a difficult journey.*