Upcoming GUIDE Model Changes

Effective July 1, 2026

To all Guiding Dementia beneficiaries and caregivers:

Medicare has recently announced a series of changes to the GUIDE Model.
These may impact your care.

Beginning July 1:

- Residents of memory care facilities will no longer be eligible for GUIDE.
- Group homes and assisted living facilities must partner with the GUIDE provider. Residents of non-partner facilities will no longer be eligible for GUIDE.
- Residents of group homes and assisted living facilities will no longer be eligible for GUIDE Respite Services.

See https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/guide/faqs for more information.

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To group home and assisted living facility owners and managers:

Shanti Hospice would love to have you as a Medicare-Approved Partner Organization.

With your help, we can make GUIDE Model services available to as many potential beneficiaries as possible. Partnering would also position your facility as a preferred choice for GUIDE Model beneficiaries transitioning from a private home.

Partnership requirements:

- Business and state license information
- Personal information of individuals in leadership positions and owners
- Documentation of standard residential services and fees
- Staff training on GUIDE Model essential information (provided by Shanti Hospice)

The above information and a signed Partner Organization Agreement must be submitted for Medicare approval. Please reach out to Shanti Hospice if interested.