

135J.3 Basic requirements.

A licensed hospice program shall include:

1. A planned program of hospice care, the medical components of which shall be under the direction of a licensed physician.
2. Centrally administered, coordinated hospice core services provided in home, outpatient, or institutional settings.
3. A mechanism that assures the rights of the patient and family.
4. Palliative care provided to a hospice patient and family under the direction of a licensed physician.
5. An interdisciplinary team which develops, implements, and evaluates the hospice plan of care for the patient and family.
6. Bereavement services.
7. Accessible hospice care twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week in all settings.
8. An ongoing system of quality assurance and utilization review.

[84 Acts, ch 1284, §7](#)

C85, §135.95

[90 Acts, ch 1204, §66](#)

C91, §135J.3