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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### **YOUR GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP)**

Your GP will still provide your medical care while you are receiving hospice services.

The hospice team and your GP will work together to manage your care.

Your GP is responsible for writing all your prescriptions for medication and provide any other documentation you may require.

### **DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE (DN)**

There may be times when the DN service may be required to work with the hospice community nursing team to assist with your care.

### **NEEDS ASSESSMENT (NASC)**

Counties Manukau Health NASC service assess people for their eligibility for services such as help with personal care or assistance with cleaning your home. You may be referred to NASC if you require this support.

The Hospice does not provide these services.

### **ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY (EPOA)**

There are legal avenues through which you can appoint an EPOA who can manage your affairs and make decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so. Please ask one of the hospice team for information regarding EPOA.

## **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

If you require the ambulance service please be aware that the hospice does not pay for ambulance transport:

- From home to hospice
- From hospice to home
- From hospice to clinic appointments

## **EQUIPMENT**

Our Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist is available to discuss any adaptive equipment you may require in your home. Items to assist with everyday functional activity (such as mobility, self-care) are available from a standard range to meet essential needs as assessed.

Similarly equipment under the same funding and eligibility criteria can be accessed through the District Health Board.

Unless otherwise discussed, your equipment will be provided under CMDHB funding. It will be issued on a rental basis so that when needs change, it can be readily reviewed and updated as appropriate. It is important that you notify your nurse or therapist of any equipment no longer in use so that we can arrange to have it collected.

## **INFORMATION BROCHURES**

We have a variety of brochures which you may find helpful to support your care.

Your Totara Hospice team is here to support you, at its best, caring is a partnership between patient, carer(s), GP, and the Totara Hospice team.



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