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Hospital Liaison:

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Diagnosis:

Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Presenting Issues/Challenges:

This 59-year old man was admitted to XX Hospital on 4/19/2014 and transferred to Hospital YY on 4/23/2014. He was referred to Hospice of XX with a diagnosis of acute Myeloid Leukemia while in ICU on a cooling blanket receiving blood transfusions and O₂ with a face tent. His wife was with him 24 hours a day. He lived in Payson and wanted to go home since aggressive therapy had not achieved desired results

Plan of Care/Actions:

The patient was evaluated and deemed hospice-eligible. Hospice philosophy and services were presented to the patient and his wife that including inpatient level of care at the hospital until arrangement could be made to transfer the patient home. The Hospice of XX Hospital Liaison facilitated the Hospice of XX admission under inpatient level of care and arranged transportation for 24 hours later to the patient's home.

Outcomes/Results:

The patient was transported home under the care of Hospice of XX. The Hospice of XX Hospital Liaison worked with Hospital YY staff and Hospice of XX staff to ensure a smooth transition from Hospital YY to home.

Observations/Implications:

- The patient's inpatient acute stay was shortened which decreased the cost of care to the family and hospital.
 - The hospital received additional reimbursement for one day of hospice (GIP) inpatient care.
 - The Hospital facilitated the patient's smooth transition home meeting the patient's desires.
 - Hospital YY Case Management and staff were saved time to assist with other patients.
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