understanding concurrent care

What is concurrent care?

Concurrent care enables children with a life-limiting illness to continue to receive curative treatment along with comfort care to help manage their symptoms. This means your child can receive curative treatments while receiving additional expert care for pain and symptom management, as well as emotional and spiritual care.

When should we consider concurrent care?

Concurrent care may help if you need:

- Continued treatment for your child's condition
- Expert support managing pain and symptoms and improving quality of life, emotional and spiritual support for your child and family, help with care needs, and respite care to give your family rest
- Support related to disease progression

What additional support does our family receive with comfort care services?

- A care team available 24/7
- Regular visits from nurses, aides, social workers, child life specialists, pediatric-licensed massage therapist, non-denominational chaplains, and hospice-trained volunteers in your home, a hospital or other healthcare facility, or at Regional Hospice's *Center for Comfort Care & Healing* in Danbury
- Counseling and grief support through our *Healing Hearts* program
- Coordination with your child's medical team
- Someone to answer questions anytime

Who pays for concurrent care?

For children under 21, Medicaid covers both curative treatment and comfort care services together. Private insurance coverage varies—we'll help you understand your benefits.

Can we stop comfort care if our child improves?

Yes. Families can pause or stop comfort care services anytime. If your child's health improves significantly, you can focus solely on curative care.

Will we lose our current doctors if we decide to go with comfort care?

No. Your child's primary doctors remain in charge of treatment. Our comfort care team works alongside them to provide additional layers of support.

You don't have to choose between hope and comfort. Concurrent care provides both.

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