

VA Fact Sheet for Hospice Partners

VA Illiana Health Care Services

1900 E Main St

Danville, IL 61832

<http://www.danville.va.gov/services/PalliativeCare.asp>

Name and contact for Regional (VISN) office: Kim Kelley, MA, MSW, LCSW. 217-554-3276.

Palliative care contact and alternate:

Melissa Nelson, RN, LCSW

Palliative Care Coordinator

217-554-5137

FAX: 217-554-4310

Melissa.nelson6@va.gov

Alternates: Janet Myers, RN 217-554-5833; Emily Sheldon, MSW, LSW, 217-554-5339.

After hours contact:

Palliative Care In-patient Unit Nurses' Station: 217-554-5833.

Service area covered by VA: Illiana cachement area includes Central Illinois, East Central Illinois, West Central Indiana. Our CBOCs are located in Peoria, Springfield, Decatur, Mattoon, West Lafayette.

Brief description of palliative and hospice care program: Fifteen bed in-patient unit, Consult Team, Interdisciplinary Team, Out-patient Clinic, Telepalliative Care, E-Consults.

Process for expedited enrollment and approval of VA-paid hospice services:

- Melissa Nelson, Palliative Care Coordinator
Phone: 217-554-5137. Fax: 217-554-4310.
Janet Myers, RN, 217-554-5648.

- **Name and contact information for approval of VA paid hospice:**
Melissa Nelson, Palliative Care Coordinator, 217-554-5137.
Janet Myers, RN, 217-554-5648.

- **Name and number for person who approves changes in hospice levels of care:**
Melissa Nelson, Palliative Care Coordinator, 217-554-5137.
Janet Myers, RN, 217-554-5648.

- **Name and number to contact for Veteran admission to VA inpatient hospice unit:**
Melissa Nelson, RN, LCSW. 217-554-5137.
Janet Myers, RN, 217-554-5648.

- **Death notification requirement:**
Melissa Nelson, RN, LCSW. 217-554-5137.
Janet Myers, RN, 217-554-5648.

- **Community Care Contact:**
Mattie Engel: 217-544-4533

- **Business office contact for reimbursement and billing issues:**
Fee Basis Department, 217-554-6532

- **Decedent Affairs Officer:**
Julie Smith, 217-554-5374

- **PTSD Resource:**
Tim Kohlbecker, MSW, PTSD Coordinator, 217-554-4260

- **Homeless Veteran Resource:**
Jennifer Gerrib, LCSW, Homeless Veterans Program Coordinator. 217-554-5679

Vet Centers:

Peoria Vet Center
8305 N. Allen Rd.
Peoria, IL 61615
309-689-9708
877-927-8387
FAX: 309-689-9720

Springfield Vet Center
1227 S. Ninth St.
Springfield, IL 62703
217-492-4955
877-927-8387
FAX: 217-492-4963

RESOURCES:

National Suicide prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK

National Cemetery information: www.cem.va.gov/

Death and Burial benefits www.cem.va.gov/bbene/benvba.asp

Military discharge information: www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp

We Honor Veterans: www.wehonorveterans.org