



## HOSPICE: MISSOURI HOSPICE SNAPSHOT

Each year Missouri hospice providers serve a range of Medicare beneficiaries across the state, providing care for terminal illnesses and related conditions, along with support for families and loved ones. Patients facing the end of life, with a life expectancy of six months or less, who choose comfort care instead of curative treatments are eligible for the Medicare hospice benefit. Hospice patients may receive nursing and other physical care, counseling for patients and families, drugs to manage pain and symptoms, equipment, and supplies as part of the benefit.

Hospice offers a vital service that allows patients and families to be together during the end of life while making the patient comfortable in their last phase of life.

### Per-Day Hospice Spending<sup>1</sup>

**\$171.34**

### Total Medicare Spending on Hospice Care Across Hospice Stays Completed in Missouri<sup>1</sup>

**\$427m**

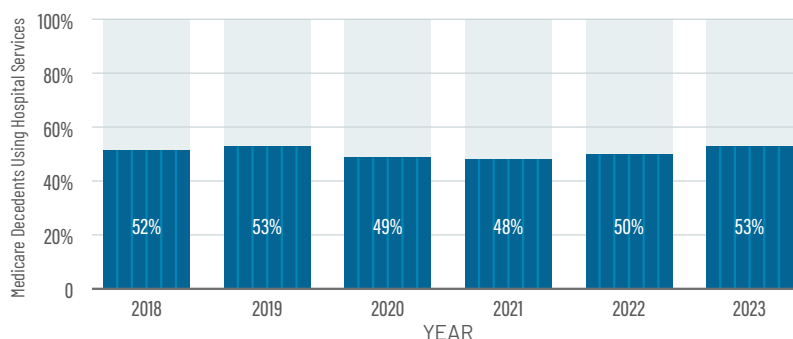
### Average Medicare Spending on Hospice Care Across Hospice Stays Completed<sup>1</sup>

**\$12,942**

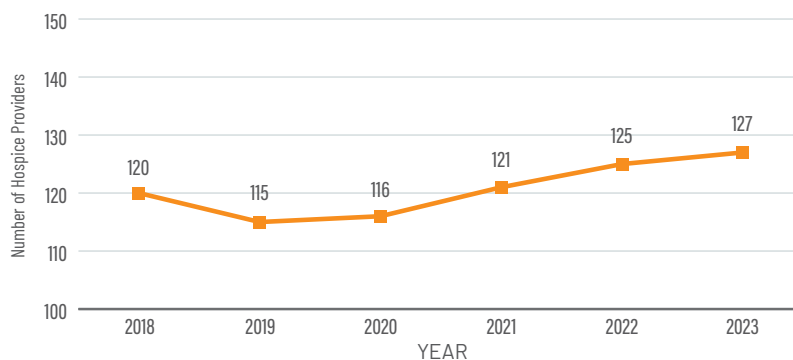
### Median Hospice Length of Stay across Hospice Stays Completed<sup>1</sup>

**20 Days**

### Percent of Medicare Decedents that Use Hospice Services in Missouri (2018-2023)<sup>1</sup>



### Number of Hospice Providers in Missouri (2018-2023)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> KNG Health Consulting, LLC and the Research Institute for Home Care; (Citing and analyzing from 2018-2023 Medicare Claims Data)