

End-Stage AIDS

1 & 2 must be present; factors from 3 will add supporting documentation.

1. CD4+ count < 25 cells/mcL or persistent viral load of >100,000 copies/ml plus one of the following:
 - CNS lymphoma
 - Untreated or not responsive to treatment wasting (loss of 33% lean body mass)
 - Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) bacteremia, untreated, unresponsive to treatment, or treatment refused
 - Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
 - Systemic lymphoma, with advanced HIV disease and partial response to chemotherapy
 - Visceral Kaposi's Sarcoma unresponsive to therapy
 - Renal failure in the absence of dialysis
 - Cryptosporidium infection
 - Toxoplasmosis, unresponsive to therapy

2. Decreased performance status, as measured by Palliative Performance Scale (< 40%)

3. Documentation of the following will support eligibility for hospice care:
 - Chronic persistent diarrhea for one year
 - Persistent serum albumin < 2.5
 - Concomitant, active substance abuse
 - Age >50
 - Absence of antiretroviral, chemotherapeutic and prophylactic drug therapy related specifically to HIV disease
 - Advanced AIDS dementia complex