

Minority Heart Patients Use Available Hospice Care Less Than Whites

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Nonwhite Medicare heart failure patients were less likely to sign up for hospice services and more likely to drop out of this type of end-of-life care than their white peers, according to a study published in the American Heart Journal and reported by [HealthDay News](#).

Hospices provide health care for the terminally ill and focus on relieving and preventing patients' pain and discomfort. And although more people overall are using hospice care, minorities access it less.

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