

# BREATH RESPIRATORY CARE

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR PHYSICIANS



## SPECIALIZED HOME-BASED HOSPICE CARE FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF RESPIRATORY PATIENTS

*CareFirst is a not-for-profit community-based program providing residents of Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties of New York State with complete hospice, palliative care, and grief services.*

*formerly Southern Tier Hospice and Palliative Care*

### WHAT IS THE CAREFIRST BREATH PROGRAM?

The **CareFirst Breath** program provides comprehensive in-home medical care and support services for patients with advanced respiratory disease.

### HOW CAN MY PATIENT BENEFIT FROM BREATH?

The goal of the **CareFirst Breath** program is to **reduce unnecessary hospital visits**, maximize quality of life, manage distressing symptoms, support family, and **enable patients to remain in their home** while receiving quality care, including at the end of life.

If you have a patient facing end-stage lung disease with continued symptoms despite maximized therapies, he or she may be eligible to join the **CareFirst Breath** program.

### WHAT SERVICES CAN MY PATIENT RECEIVE?

- Home-based case management including nursing, social work, spiritual care, personal care, medical equipment, and medication coverage

- 24-hour on-call system that brings skilled care to the home in times of crises or change
- Symptom management via medical treatments and/or patient monitoring
- Continuation of primary physician control over the patient care plan
- Intensive patient and caregiver education for disease management, including early identification of infections, medication and diet compliance, and proactive planning for crises
- The **CareFirst Breath** Team also helps the patient identify issues to be addressed at each doctor appointment, maximizing each visit
- Coverage of short-term hospital stays necessary for symptom control

To learn more about how the **CareFirst Breath** program can help your patient, please call us at 607.962.3100.



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