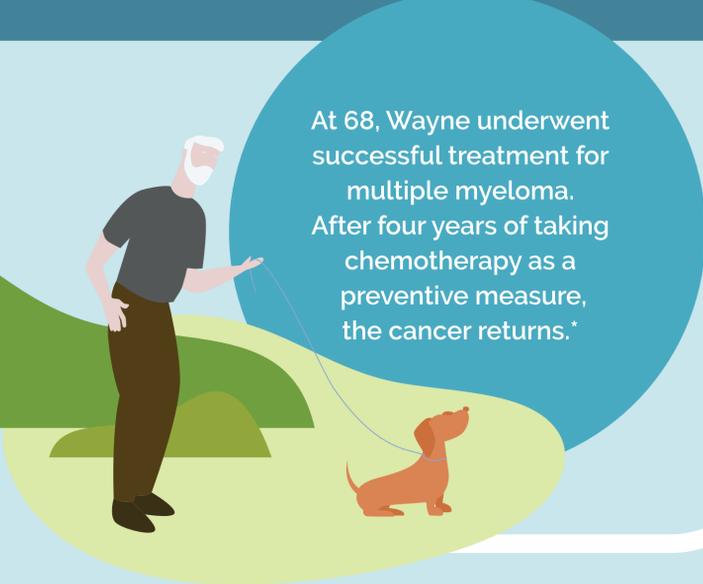


How timely palliative care referrals benefit members

When members with cancer receive palliative care at the earliest point possible, they are assured comprehensive interdisciplinary care, personal support, and guidance during their journey. And that can lead to higher quality of life and higher satisfaction. Here's how.



At 68, Wayne underwent successful treatment for multiple myeloma. After four years of taking chemotherapy as a preventive measure, the cancer returns.*



Wayne's medical oncologist, Dr. Bloomfield, prescribes chemotherapy and radiation therapy as part of his new treatment plan. She submits a request online to AIM for a clinical appropriateness review.

During the process, AIM alerts Dr. Bloomfield that Wayne is eligible for palliative care.



Wayne returns with new symptoms: he is sleeping poorly, lacks an appetite, and worries his illness is burdening his wife and his son.

Thanks to the alert from AIM, Dr. Bloomfield recommends palliative care. She explains how it works alongside of medical treatment and how it can benefit Wayne and his family. Wayne agrees to it.



Dr. Bloomfield refers Wayne for in-home palliative care through Aspire Health—by simply going online and selecting the referral button within the AIM clinical review platform.



Aspire schedules a comprehensive in-home assessment with Wayne.

During the visit, the clinician discovers Wayne has high blood pressure. But Wayne informs the clinician that he's never had high blood pressure. His records show no indication of it either.



Aspire's clinician contacts Dr. Bloomfield. Together, they create a treatment plan for Wayne's high blood pressure, helping prevent hospitalization and interruptions to his cancer treatment.

They also adjust his pain medicines, which improves his energy level and well-being.



Wayne receives effective hypertension treatment, and with nutritional guidance and behavioral health support from Aspire's clinicians, Wayne's sleep improves. He continues to undergo cancer treatment under Dr. Bloomfield's care. Thanks to the extra layer of support, Wayne is feeling optimistic and grateful; his wife and his son are, too.

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