

## *Questions to Ask When Choosing a Hospice*

A Service of the Berks County End of Life Care Coalition

- 1. What are the admission criteria for the hospice program?*
- 2. What services are provided for the patient, family and/or caregivers?*
- 3. How quickly does the hospice respond to a phonecall?*
- 4. What is the involvement of the patient's physician?*
- 5. What efforts are made to keep the patient comfortable and pain free?*
- 6. What type of after-hour care is provided?*
- 7. How are hospice services paid?*
- 8. Is follow up care available for family/caregivers after the death?*