

Care Resources for Those Using Ventilators

Charlotte Area and Beyond

1. Navigating Care: Groups and individuals that help families navigate and plan for care
 - a. Caregiving Corner – www.caregivingcorner.com
 - b. Charlotte ALS Clinic Social Worker –Shivangee Thorne, shivangee.thorne@atriumhealth.org
2. Paying For Care:
 - a. Medical Insurance Plans – you will need to research what your insurance plan covers for long-term care and which companies and facilities are in network.
 - b. Long-Term Care Plans – some people purchase long-term care plans in addition to their life insurance which can help pay for care.
 - c. Using Life Insurance Plans to pay for long-term care – Some have used their life insurance plans to pay for long term care. Learn more here: <http://longtermcare.gov/costs-how-to-pay/using-life-insurance-to-pay-for-long-term-care/>
 - d. Out of pocket – Many families pay for care themselves to supplement what the insurance will cover or to pay a lower rate to an individual vs. the higher rate to an agency or facility.
3. Home Health Care: Bringing in outside help from agencies. These companies are used often by families with ALS. You will want to call to see which company is in your insurance network and you feel is the best fit for your family.
 - a. Bayada – www.bayada.com
 - b. Comfort Keepers – www.comfortkeepers.com
 - c. Senior Helpers – www.seniorhelpers.com
 - d. The Joe Martin ALS Foundation – we offer 3 or more hours of free care a week. We also help with caregiver training to bring paid caregivers up to speed on caring for the person with ALS.
4. Hospice – once you are on Hospice, some programs offer in-home care help and the ability to use the Hospice Houses in Charlotte, NC and Huntersville, NC for a short-term stay. Moving to hospice is a big decision. There are lots of benefits, but also restrictions regarding durable medical equipment. You will need to discuss this at length with the team at the ALS Clinic to make sure moving to Hospice is right at the time.
5. Care Facilities for Those Using Ventilators:
 - a. **Alexander County:** Valley Nursing Center, 581 NC Hwy 16 S, Taylorsville, NC 28681, [\(828\) 632-8146](tel:8286328146), 49 Ventilator Beds
 - b. **Beaufort County:** Pungo District Hospital, 202 East Water St., Belhaven, NC 27810, [\(252\) 943-2111](tel:2529432111), 10 Ventilator Beds
 - c. **Cleveland County:** Crawley Memorial Hospital, 315 W. College Ave., Boiling Springs, NC 28017, Phone: [\(704\) 434-9466](tel:7044349466), Fax: [\(704\) 434-5563](tel:7044345563) or -5376, 10 Ventilator Beds

- d. **Forsyth County:** Oak Forest Health and Rehabilitation, 5680 Windy Hill Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27105, [\(336\) 744-1188](tel:(336)744-1188), 18 Ventilator Beds
- e. **Guilford County:** Kindred Healthcare, 2401 S Side Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27406, [\(336\) 271-2800](tel:(336)271-2800), 23 Ventilator Beds