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Enrolling health plans to be responsible for hospice services for Hoosier Care Connect members

Effective January 1, 2019, all covered hospice benefits for members enrolled in Hoosier Care Connect will be the responsibility of the enrolling health plan. Members will remain enrolled with their managed care entity (MCE) for the duration of the hospice period.

A member enrolled in Hoosier Care Connect is eligible to receive all hospice levels of care available under the hospice benefit:

routine home care, continuous home care, inpatient respite care,

and general inpatient (GIP) care. A Hoosier Care Connect member receiving in-home hospice benefits is eligible to receive inpatient care, as needed.



For inpatient stays **related** to the terminal illness, at the general inpatient (GIP) hospice level of care (GIP) or the inpatient respite hospice level of care, the hospice provider is responsible for obtaining prior authorization (PA) and for reimbursing the facility. As the professional manager of the member's hospice care, the hospice provider is responsible for obtaining contracts with all IHCP providers for arranged services. The hospice provider will pay the facility according to the contract between the hospice provider and the facility where the member receives care. The contract between the hospice provider and the facility covers all costs related to the terminal illness. The hospice provider will submit claims directly to the MCE for reimbursement. The hospice provider will be paid at the rate appropriate to the level of care provided to the hospice member; general inpatient (GIP) hospice level of care will be reimbursed at the GIP rate and inpatient respite hospice level of care will be reimbursed at the respite rate.

For members receiving inpatient care **unrelated** to the terminal illness, the facility is responsible for obtaining PA, as required, from the MCE and submitting claims directly to the MCE for reimbursement. The facility will be responsible for all the member's care and treatment while the member remains at the facility.

The hospice provider is responsible for obtaining PA for inpatient stays related to the terminal illness for both GIP level of care and respite level of care. For any inpatient stay unrelated to the terminal illness, the hospice provider and the inpatient facility are expected to work together in obtaining the necessary PA. For additional information about Hoosier Care Connect PA and claim submission requirements, contact Anthem care management at (844) 284-1797 or Managed Health Services (MHS) at (877) 647-4848.

To clarify, members enrolled in Hoosier Healthwise, including the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), will continue to be moved out of managed care, as they are today, when electing hospice. For information about how to disenroll a Hoosier Healthwise member for hospice services, please review the [Hospice Services](#) provider reference module at indianamedicaid.com.

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