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All Providers

National Provider Identifier Web Page

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Web site features a National Provider Identifier (NPI) Web page at <http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/npi.asp>. This page contains information about the *IHCP NPI Implementation Plan*, instructions for obtaining an NPI, a link to the NPI Reporting Tool, links to other resources on the Web, and informational documents like the *NPI Fact Sheet*.

All Hospice Providers

The purpose of this article is to inform hospice providers that effective December 1, 2006, the required changes to IndianaAIM have been made to permit prior authorization (PA) reviewers at Health Care Excel (HCE), the Medicaid PA contractor, to enter a hospice level of care (LOC) for dually-eligible Medicare and Medicaid members residing in nursing facilities with an open-ended segment. This results in significant streamlining of paperwork submission by hospice providers. The following paragraphs are to remind hospice providers of the required forms they need to submit for dually-eligible Medicare and Medicaid hospice members and the procedures to follow for Medicaid-only members.

Changes to the hospice rules in August 1, 2003, specified that hospice providers at the time of hospice election are required to submit a one-page *Hospice Authorization Notification for Dually-Eligible Medicare/Medicaid Hospice Members Residing in Nursing Facilities* to HCE. Hospice providers must notify the IHCP when the dually-eligible Medicare and Medicaid member residing in a nursing facility revokes hospice, is discharged from hospice by the provider, changed hospice providers, or has a change of status. If the member re-enrolls in hospice, then the one-page form must be resubmitted.

The system change also includes an autoclosure for the dually-eligible Medicare and Medicaid hospice member's date of death. The date of death is imported into IndianaAIM from the local Division of Family Resources (DFR) database known as Indiana Client Eligibility System (ICES). If there is a discrepancy between the date of death in IndianaAIM and as noted by the hospice provider, the hospice provider must correct it at the local DFR by providing the caseworker with a copy of the death certificate. Neither EDS nor HCE have the ability to change the date of death in IndianaAIM.

Hospice providers must submit hospice authorization paperwork for each hospice benefit period for all Medicaid-only members. Failure to do so results in denial of claims under error code 2024 – *This member does not have hospice level of care*.

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