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IHCP clarifies coverage of in-patient stays for in-home hospice services in Hoosier Care Connect

Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin <u>BT201675</u>, issued November 15, 2016, clarified IHCP policy regarding coverage for in-home hospice services for Hoosier Care Connect members. To further clarify, Hoosier Care Connect in-home hospice services include coverage of certain inpatient services. Members receiving the following

inpatient services remain enrolled with their managed care entity (MCE) with no change to their in-home hospice enrollment status:

- Short-term, temporary, inpatient stays of up to five days per occurrence for respite care, pain control, and symptom management in any inpatient facility, including hospitals and nursing facilities
- General inpatient (GIP) hospital stays for the treatment of symptoms unrelated to the terminal illness
- Nursing facility stays not to exceed 30 days

If a Hoosier Care Connect hospice member is admitted to a nursing facility for more than 30 days, the member will need to be disenrolled from Hoosier Care Connect and enrolled in Traditional Medicaid. Questions about Hoosier Care Connect services should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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