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# NEWSLETTER

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**TO:** Hospice Providers, Nursing Facility Providers, Medical Assistance Customer (MACC) Centers and County Board of Social Services (CBOSS) Offices

**SUBJECT:** **Applicable Effective and Termination Dates for Hospice Services**

**EFFECTIVE:** **Immediately**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Newsletter is to clarify the applicable effective and termination dates for Hospice services.

**BACKGROUND:** In accordance with 10:53A-2.5, the hospice beneficiary is removed from the Long Term Care Facility billing system effective on the date the "Election of Hospice Benefits Statement, FD-378" (Appendix Form #1) is signed. On that date, and thereafter, the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fiscal agent will directly reimburse the hospice for services rendered to the hospice beneficiary and the nursing facilities (NF) will no longer be reimbursed for care beginning on this date. The hospice shall be responsible for reimbursing the NF for room and board services provided under contract with the hospice. If the beneficiary revokes hospice and returns to NF care, the NF shall complete and submit the "Long Term Care Turnaround Document" (TAD) (MCNH-117) form to the fiscal agent. The following information shall be placed on the MCNH-117 in the REMARKS column (Field #38 on the bottom): "ADMITTED TO NURSING FACILITY AND DISCHARGED FROM HOSPICE".

The effective date of the change from hospice care to NF care is the date the Revocation of Hospice Benefits, FD-381 (Form #4 in the Appendix incorporated herein by reference) is signed. The NF will be reimbursed for care provided on this date and thereafter, and the hospice will no longer be reimbursed for care beginning on this date.

**ACTION:** To ensure appropriate reimbursement for clients electing Hospice benefits, Nursing Facility claims should reflect an end date equal to the date prior to the date the Hospice Benefits Statement (FD-378) is signed. When a beneficiary revokes their Hospice benefit, the Hospice provider's claim should reflect an end date equal to the date prior to the date the Hospice Revocation (FD-381) is signed.

**For MACC and CBOSS Staff:** The dates on the beneficiary's file should reflect the date prior to the signature date on the FD-378 or FD-381.

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