

March 16, 2015

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Dear Hospice Provider:

RE: MI Health Link

The purpose of this letter is to inform hospice providers that MI Health Link became effective on March 1, 2015. Beneficiaries enrolled in MI Health Link are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. While hospice is not a benefit offered by MI Health Link, beneficiaries in the program may still elect hospice and begin receiving hospice services at any time. This letter explains the steps providers should take to ensure that the election and start of hospice services occurs without delay. At the time of hospice election, a beneficiary will be voluntarily disenrolled from MI Health Link, effective the first day of the month following election of hospice services, and enrolled with Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS).

Hospice Election Process:

When a beneficiary who is enrolled in MI Health Link elects hospice, the hospice agency will send a Hospice Enrollment Form (DCH-1074) to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) enrollment section via the usual process. However, the hospice must indicate within the DCH-1074 remarks section the last date of the beneficiary's participation in MI Health Link (the last day of the month) and the start date of FFS Medicaid (the first day of the following month). The level of care (LOC) 16 will be placed on the beneficiary's file the first day of following month; however, a beneficiary does not need to wait until they are disenrolled from MI Health Link to receive Hospice services. Hospice services may begin at the time of hospice election and will be reimbursed based on the location of the beneficiary.

Hospice in the Home Setting

Medicare will pay for hospice services between the time that a MI Health Link beneficiary elects hospice services and the time they are disenrolled from MI Health Link.

Hospice in a Nursing Home

If a MI Health Link beneficiary resides in a nursing home when hospice is elected, Medicare will pay for hospice services and the MI Health Link health plan will continue to pay for the nursing home stay until disenrolled from MI Health Link.

Questions pertaining to MI Health Link may be directed to integratedcare@michigan.gov. Questions pertaining specifically to the DCH-1074 submission process for hospice enrollment of a MI Health Link beneficiary may be directed to Provider Inquiry at 1-800-292-2550 or providersupport@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



Stephen Fitton, Director
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