

**Bulletin Number:** MSA 16-35

**Distribution:** Integrated Care Organizations, Hospice Providers, Nursing Facilities

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**Subject:** MI Health Link Hospice Services

**Effective:** As Indicated

**Programs Affected:** MI Health Link

Effective November 1, 2016, individuals enrolled in the MI Health Link program who elect hospice services may remain enrolled in the MI Health Link program if they choose.

When a MI Health Link beneficiary elects hospice services, the hospice agency must notify the beneficiary's Integrated Care Organization (ICO) for initiation of care management and authorization of nursing facility room and board, if indicated. The hospice agency will bill Medicare for hospice services and other Medicare Part A and Part B services not related to the terminal illness and bill the ICO for room and board when hospice is rendered in a nursing home setting.

The hospice agency does **not** submit a Hospice Enrollment Form (DCH-1074) to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Enrollment Services Section because the beneficiary will remain in MI Health Link at the current level of care (LOC) of 03, 05, 07, or 15. When the individual is enrolled in MI Health Link and receiving hospice, the LOC code 16 will not be reflected in the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS).

A beneficiary has the option of disenrolling from MI Health Link at any time by contacting Michigan's contracted enrollment broker. During the month when disenrollment occurs, the beneficiary will remain with MI Health Link until the first day of the following month, at which time Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid will become effective. Hospice agencies will need to monitor MI Health Link beneficiary enrollment status. If a beneficiary receiving hospice is disenrolled from MI Health Link, a DCH-1074 will need to be submitted by the hospice agency to the MDHHS Enrollment Services Section. The last date of a 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) must be included within the DCH-1074 remarks section. This will allow the LOC of 16 (hospice) to be placed on the beneficiary's file once the disenrollment is reflected in CHAMPS.

The language in this bulletin will update and replace the hospice language in the MI Health Link Chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual.

### **Public Comment**

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments in writing to:

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If responding by e-mail, please include "MI Health Link Hospice Services" in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.


### **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

### **Questions**

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

### **Approved**



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