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Hospice Services

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4.227.1 Conditions for Coverage

4.227.1.1 Eligibility

For a beneficiary to receive hospice coverage, all of the following conditions must be met:

- (a) A physician must certify that the beneficiary is within the last six months of life; and
- (b) The beneficiary requesting hospice coverage has signed ~~Recipients of hospice care are required to sign an~~ election of hospice care.
  - (i) For beneficiaries age 19 and over, the election of hospice care ~~which~~ waives all other Medicaid coverage except the services of a designated family physician, ambulance service, and services unrelated to the terminal illness.
  - (ii) Children under the age of 19 may receive hospice services concurrently with curative treatment.

4.227.1.2 ~~7~~Conditions

- (a) Hospice services to terminally ill recipients are covered in accordance with ~~Section 1905(o) of the Social Security Act~~ 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(o).
- (b) Hospice services must be rendered by a Medicare-certified hospice provider and ~~be provided~~ in accordance with Medicare conditions of participation~~regulations~~.

4.227.1.3 Reimbursement

- (a) Payment to enrolled hospice providers will be made at the daily rates set by Medicare for each provider. ~~The total number of days of hospice coverage is limited to 210 days.~~ Rates of payment and total reimbursement for hospice care will be made in accordance with Medicare reimbursement and audit principles.
- (b) Medicaid will make no payment to the hospice provider selected by the Medicaid recipient for any services or supplies other than the hospice service.
- (c) The hospice provider may not charge any amount to or collect any amount from the recipient or the recipient's family for a covered hospice service during the period of hospice coverage.
- (d) Other than the provisions in section 4.227.1.1(b)(i) and(ii), no institutional provider (skilled nursing facility, hospital or intermediate care facility) will be paid for services while a member beneficiary is receiving hospice services in its facility, including room and board.