

FY2020 Hospice Wage Index Final Rule

Effective October 1, 2020

Election statement additions and addendum

Summary of FY2020 Final Rule Changes

- ▶ Changes to the hospice election statement
- ▶ New requirement for an election statement addendum detailing the items, services or drugs the hospice will not cover
- ▶ Changes to the hospice quality reporting program

Hospice Election Statement and Addendum Reason for Change

- ▶ More transparency for patients and representatives
- ▶ Anecdotal reports of hospices not covering items, services or drugs

Hospice Election Statement and Addendum Reason for Change

- ▶ The amount and nature of the non-hospice services being billed to Medicare outside of the hospice benefit suggests that hospice beneficiaries may not be fully informed, at the time of admission or throughout the hospice election, of the items, services, and drugs the hospice has determined to be unrelated to their terminal illness and related conditions

Hospice Election Statement and Addendum Reason for Change

- ▶ CMS believes this is necessary information for patients and their families to make informed care decisions

Changes to the Hospice Election Statement Effective 10/1/2020 (FY 2021)

- ▶ Hospice election statement will be amended to include:
- ▶ Information about the holistic, comprehensive nature of the Medicare hospice benefit
- ▶ Information about beneficiary cost-sharing for hospice services

Changes to the Hospice Election Statement Effective 10/1/2020 (FY 2021)

- ▶ A statement that, although it would be rare, there could be some necessary items, drugs, or services that will not be covered by the hospice because the hospice has determined that these items, drugs, or services are to treat a condition that is unrelated to the terminal illness and related conditions

Changes to the Hospice Election Statement

- ▶ Notification of the beneficiary's (or representative's) right to request an election statement addendum that includes a written list and a rationale for the conditions, items, drugs, or services that the hospice has determined to be unrelated to the terminal illness and related conditions

Hospice Election Statement Addendum

- ▶ New requirement
- ▶ To be provided to patients and representatives upon request
- ▶ Title: “Patient Notification of Hospice Non-Covered Items, Services, and Drugs.”

Hospice Election Statement Addendum

- ▶ Effective October 1, 2020 (FY 2021), hospices will be required to issue the addendum detailing non-covered items, services and drugs when the patient or representative requests it, either at admission or during the course of hospice care.
- ▶ This new signed addendum will also serve as a new condition for payment.

Hospice Signature Forms

& Electronic consents



Signature Forms in Pointcare

- ▶ Signature forms in PointCare are added from the Visit Actions Screen/Electronic Forms



Signature Forms:

- ▶ Must be added at the start of the visit
- ▶ Cannot be added to a visit after the visit is Paused, or Incompleted
- ▶ Cannot be edited after the patient signature is obtained
- ▶ Cannot be edited after the visits is Paused or Incompleted



What forms are required for a Hospice Admission?

All Admissions:

- ▶ Hospice Consent- Electronic Version
- ▶ Hospice Election Statement-NOE-Electronic Version

On October 1st the two forms above replace the combined NOE/Consent form: Merrimack Valley Hospice Informed Consent & Election of the Medicare Hospice Benefit.

- ▶ Interactive Telephonic/Video visits Consent Form
- ▶ MA Health Election- Paper Form

Facility Admissions:

- ❖ Verification of Reimbursement- Electronic



What other consent forms are available?

Electronic:

- ▶ MD Change forms- must be completed when the patient identifies a change in the elected primary care physician.
- ▶ Consent for Clinical Photography Videotaping, Audiotaping, and other Multimedia Imaging of patients - Required for Hospice House Admissions, and may be added as need for all others.

Paper

- ▶ The Financial forms for the Hospice House will remain on Paper.



Completing the Notice of Hospice Election, NOE in PointCare

While many forms such as the new Hospice Consent will require only a patient and clinicians signature, the NOE contains required fields, that must be completed prior to obtaining signatures.

NOE- Required Fields

PATIENT ALTERNATIVE ELECTIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

Attending Physician Question

DOES THE PATIENT CHOOSE TO ELECT AN ATTENDING PHYSICIAN? NO OR YES

If yes then:

ENTER NAME OF ELECTED ATTENDING PHYSICIAN. INCLUDE FIRST AND LAST NAME:

(Note that the attending physician may be changed using the Attending Change Forms as needed after the start of care NOE is completed)

SOC Date Question

IS THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ELECTION OF THE HOSPICE BENEFIT DIFFERENT FROM THE SIGNATURE DATE? NO or YES

If yes then:

ENTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE HOSPICE BENEFIT(DO NOT ENTER DATE PRIOR THAN TODAY, INCLUDE MONTH, DAY AND YEAR):



What should I do if there is HCHB downtime or if I am obtaining a consent outside of a visit being completed in PointCare?

- ▶ In the event that a consent must be completed outside of a visit being completed in PointCare, there are paper forms available for completion.
- ▶ Paper NOE forms must be returned to the office within 24 hours.

