Hospice services are available to Medicare members who are terminally ill and have a life expectancy of 6 months or less. When hospice coverage is elected, the member waives all rights to Medicare Part B payments for services that are related to the treatment/management of the terminal illness during the Hospice election period. During the hospice election period, the only services to be billed to the Medicare Advantage (MA) plan for an MA member are those that do not fall under Traditional Medicare benefits and are additional benefits offered by the MA Plan.

Hospice election coverage and eligibility can be determined on The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website utilizing the HIPPA Eligibility Transaction System (HETS) https://am.cms.hhs.gov/amserver/UI/Login?goto=https%3A%2F%2Fhetsui.cms.hhs.gov%3A443%2F270UI%2FLogin.do

In an effort to reduce the volume of claims needing resubmission, We are asking providers to utilize HETS prior to submitting claims to the MA plan.

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