



COMMISSIONER
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To: Medicaid Hospice Providers

Subject: Information Letter #13-40 Medicaid Hospice and Managed Care

This provider information letter is to remind Medicaid Hospice providers that Hospice enrollment for individuals in managed care is the same as for individuals in traditional, fee for service Medicaid. Medicaid Hospice providers must submit the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Hospice forms, 3071 Individual Election/Cancellation/Update, and 3074 Physician Certification of Terminal Illness, through the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) online portal for **all Medicaid individuals** electing Medicaid Hospice services.

Prior authorization is not required for Medicaid Hospice services to begin through traditional Medicaid or managed care; however, the individual's Hospice eligibility will not appear on Medicaid Eligibility Service Authorization Verification (MESAV) System until all DADS Hospice forms have been properly completed and submitted through the TMHP online portal.

Individuals enrolled in STAR+PLUS managed care are not disenrolled from STAR+PLUS when they elect Medicaid Hospice services and the STAR+PLUS providers will continue to provide services not related to the terminal illness. An individual enrolled in STAR or STAR Health who elects Medicaid Hospice services will be automatically disenrolled from STAR or STAR Health at the end of the month in which the Managed Care Organization (MCO) receives notification of the individual's Medicaid Hospice election. The individual's Medicaid benefits will convert to traditional, fee for service Medicaid; therefore, Medicaid Hospice providers should immediately inform the MCO upon enrollment of an individual receiving STAR or STAR Health services.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sara Goodman, Hospice Program Consultant, at (512) 438-5837 or by email at sara.goodman@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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