



COMMISSIONER  
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To: Hospice Providers

Subject: Provider Information Letter No. 10-107  
Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Hospice Care Services – Concurrent Treatment Services for Individuals Under 21 Years of Age

Pursuant to Section 2302 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-148), states are required to provide concurrent hospice care and treatment services for individuals under 21 years of age enrolled in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) who elect hospice care. Therefore, effective August 1, 2010, a family electing to receive hospice care for an individual under 21 years of age is no longer required to waive treatment for the terminal illness.

Concurrent services now allowed include:

- treatment services, including services related to the individual's terminal illness; and
- hospice care, including palliative care (medical and support services related to the individual's terminal illness).

STAR and STAR Health enrollees under 21 years of age will continue to be disenrolled from managed care upon election of hospice. Hospice care and treatment services will be available to these individuals through fee-for-service Medicaid.

Coverage exceptions to the traditional fee for service Medicaid are:

- STAR+PLUS enrollees under 21 years of age will receive hospice services as a carve-out benefit through fee-for-services Medicaid, but will retain their STAR+PLUS enrollment status. Acute care services, including services related to the treatment of the terminal illness, will be provided by their STAR+PLUS health plan.
- CHIP members will receive hospice care and treatment services, including services related to the treatment of the terminal illness, through their CHIP health plan.

The Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) will process claims for non-hospice acute care providers rendering acute care treatment for the terminal illness for individuals under 21 years of age. Non-hospice provider claims should be submitted directly to TMHP.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Pam Lovell, R.N., by phone at (512) 438-3519 or by e-mail at [pam.lovell@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:pam.lovell@dads.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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