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General Inpatient Care During the Hospice Election Period

The five-day restriction for general inpatient care during the hospice election period will be removed, effective October 1, 2022. This change has no effect on any other hospice restrictions or requirements, including, but not limited to, the five-day limit on respite care.

Fee-for-Service providers and managed care organizations (MCO) should refer to the Hospice Provider Manual available at https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/providermanuals/HOSPICE_main.htm. MCOs must notify providers, via their provider portals, of the policy change and publish updated provider manuals that reflect this policy within 30 calendar days thereafter.

For questions related to this information as it pertains to Fee-for-Service Medicaid claims processing, please contact Gainwell Technologies Provider Services at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

Questions regarding managed care claims should be directed to the appropriate MCO.

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