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TO: Community Long Term Care, Home Health, and Hospice Providers

SUBJECT: Interaction between Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Programs and the Hospice Benefit

Hospice recipients who are enrolled in a HCBS waiver program may receive services from both programs. The following exceptions will be used as a guideline when authorizing waiver services.

These services do not duplicate those provided by a hospice plan of care as specified in the 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 418.00.

I. HCBS Waiver Programs Operated by Community Long Term Care (CLTC):

CLTC operates three HCBS Waivers through its statewide network of area offices. These waivers are: 1) Community Choices; 2) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) waiver; and 3) Mechanical Ventilation (VENT) waiver. The following policies apply to the interaction between HCBS waivers operated by CLTC and the hospice benefit:

Waiver services that may be routinely authorized by CLTC for clients also receiving the Hospice benefit, if appropriate, include:

Community Choices	HIV	Vent
Case Management	Case Management	
Personal Emergency Response Service (PERS)	-----	PERS
Home Delivered Meals	Home Delivered Meals	-----
-----	Two extra prescriptions	Two extra prescriptions

Waiver services that may not be routinely authorized by CLTC for clients also receiving the Hospice benefit, but may be given special consideration on a case by case basis and require Central Office approval, include:

Community Choices	HIV	Vent
Environmental Modification	Environmental Modification	Environmental Modification
Enhanced Environmental Modification	Enhanced Environmental Modification	Enhanced Environmental Modification

Waiver services that will not be authorized by CLTC for clients also receiving the Hospice benefit include:

Community Choices	HIV	Vent
Adult Day Health Care	-----	-----
Attendant	Attendant	Attendant
Companion	-----	-----
Incontinence Supplies Nutritional Supplies	Incontinence Supplies Nutritional Supplies	Non-Durable Medical Supplies
Nursing Home Transition	-----	-----
Personal Care I Home Maker (HM)	Personal Care I (HM)	Personal Care I (HM)
Personal Care II	Personal Care II	Personal Care II
-----	Private Duty Nursing	Private Duty Nursing
Respite	-----	Respite
Specialized Medical Equipment	Specialized Medical Equipment	Specialized Medical Equipment

II. HCBS Waiver Programs Operated by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN):

DDSN operates three HCBS Waivers through its statewide network of local Disabilities and Special Needs Boards and other qualified providers. These waivers are 1) the Mental Retardation or Related Disabilities (MR/RD) waiver and 2) the Head and Spinal Cord Injured (HASCI) waiver.

Persons receiving services through the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) waiver may receive services provided in the waiver while receiving hospice services.

The following waiver services in the left column may be routinely authorized by DDSN for MR/RD or HASCI waiver participants, if appropriate. Those services in the right column may not be authorized for clients also receiving the Hospice benefit.

May be routinely authorized if appropriate	May not be authorized
Residential Habilitation	Nursing Services
Extra Prescribed Drugs	Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) (MR/RD waiver)
Adult Dental (MR/RD waiver)	Adult Day Health Care Nursing (ADHC-RN) (MR/RD waiver)
Adult Vision (MR/RD waiver)	Audiology/Communication
Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Assistive Technology: This service is limited to diapers, under pads, nutritional supports, ongoing assistive technology and PERS. *Note: DDSN (MR/RD) will limit this service to those items already identified on the Plan of Service. These services will not be authorized for newly requested items for waiver clients entering hospice.	Attendant Care
	Respite Care
	Behavior Support Services
	Speech/Language/Hearing
	PT
	OT
	Adult Companion (MR/RD waiver)
	Psychological Services
	Personal Care 2 (MR/RD waiver)
	Personal Care 1 (MR/RD waiver)
	Environmental Modifications
	Private Vehicle Modifications
	Day Habilitation
	Prevocational Habilitation
	Supported Employment
	Career Preparation
	Day Activity
	Community Supports
	Support Center
	Employment Services

Provider questions concerning Hospice benefits and interactions with HCBS waiver programs should be directed to your program area at 803-898-2590.

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