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Dear New Hampshire Hospice Provider:

Effective July 1, 2010, the NH Medicaid program will be offering a hospice benefit to Medicaid enrolled patients who are terminally ill and have a life expectancy of 6 months or less and who wish to elect this plan of care. The administrative rules governing the Medicaid hospice benefit are enclosed for your convenience. We would specifically like to call your attention to the following:

- **Notification of the election of hospice:** Hospice providers will be responsible for completing and submitting the Form 282A, "Medicaid Hospice Care Notification Form," within five business days after hospice care is elected. This form should be submitted to the Office of Medicaid Business and Policy either by mail OMBP, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301 or fax (603) 271-8194 to the attention of Patti Dean, RN. For any questions, please contact Patti at (603) 271-5219 or 1-800-852-3345, ext 5219. The notification form 282A may be downloaded from the nhmedicaid.com website. A copy is enclosed for your convenience.
- **Claims processing:** Hospice providers are required to submit their claims on a UB-04 paper claim form with all of the same required information that would normally be submitted to Medicare for hospice services. Payment of hospice services will initially be done manually with the goal to move towards electronic submission sometime this fall. Claims should be submitted either by mail or fax to the attention of Patti Dean.
- **Reporting Requirements:** Please note that hospice providers are required to complete and submit Form 282B, "Service Utilization within Hospice by Recipient" within 30 days following the end of each quarter for each hospice recipient who has died within that quarter, except for dual eligibles in nursing facilities. The service utilization Form 282B may be downloaded from the nhmedicaid.com website. A copy is enclosed for your convenience.

In collaboration with NH Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, we will hold a conference call on June 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to answer any questions you might have about this letter and the rules. The call-in phone number is (712) 432-1100 access code # 610342. The Office of Medicaid Business and Policy looks forward to working with you on implementing this important new benefit for Medicaid recipients.

Sincerely,

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