

DISCHARGE vs REVOCATION

Discharge – done by the agency because of the following reasons:

- ✓ Patient no longer meets hospice criteria for < 6 month prognosis
- ✓ Patient moving out of service area
- ✓ Patient death
- ✓ Discharge for cause (non-compliance or staff safety issues), certain conditions and documentation need to be met to discharge a patient for cause

The following paperwork is required:

- ✓ Medicare notice of non-coverage (needs to be delivered at least 2 calendar days prior to discharge or if the patient is not seen every day, on the second to last visit.) The beneficiary has until noon the day before discharge to **appeal**. The patient should be kept on service until the stated discharge on the NONC.
- ✓ Orders are required until the patient is discharged.

Revocation – can only be done by the patient (or his HCP), at any time and for any reason

- ✓ Must be done in writing
- ✓ Cannot backdate a revocation
- ✓ Beneficiary does not have to provide a reason for revocation but documentation should include the circumstances around the revocation
- ✓ Hospice has a responsibility to counsel the beneficiary on the availability of revocation

The following paperwork is required:

- ✓ Revocation form