

# Providing Hospice Services in a SNF

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# Objectives

- ▶ The participant will be able to describe Hospice services in a SNF

## 418.112 Hospices That Provide Hospice Services To Residents Of A SNF.

### **Standard: Professional management**

▶The hospice must assume responsibility for professional management of the resident's hospice services provided, in accordance with the hospice plan of care and the hospice conditions of participation, and make any arrangements necessary for hospice-related inpatient care in a participating Medicare/Medicaid facility.

▶The SNF CoPs now include the same requirements as the Hospice CoPs included in this section

▶DPH surveyors typically select a hospice patient to review when conducting SNF surveys

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### **Standard: Written agreement**

The hospice and SNF must have a written agreement that includes a provision that the SNF/NF immediately notifies the hospice if:

- ▶ A significant change in a patient's physical, mental, social, or emotional status occurs;
- ▶ clinical complications appear that suggest a need to alter the plan of care;
- ▶ if a need to transfer a patient from the SNF/NF, and the hospice makes arrangements for, and remains responsible for, any necessary continuous care or inpatient care necessary related to the terminal illness and related conditions; or the patient dies.
- ▶ An agreement that it is the SNF/ NF responsibility to continue to furnish 24 hour room and board care

# Written Agreement

- ▶ A provision that the hospice may use the SNF/NF nursing personnel where permitted by State law and as specified by the SNF to assist in the administration of prescribed therapies included in the plan of care only to the extent that the hospice would routinely use the services of a hospice patient's family in implementing the plan of care.
- ▶ A provision stating that the hospice must report all alleged violations involving mistreatment, neglect, or verbal, mental, sexual, and physical abuse, including injuries of unknown source, and misappropriation of patient property by anyone unrelated to the hospice to the SNF/NF administrator within 24 hours of the hospice becoming aware of the alleged violation.
- ▶ A delineation of the responsibilities of the hospice and the SNF to provide bereavement services to SNF staff.

# Hospice Plan of Care

## **Standard: Hospice plan of care**

In accordance with § 418.56, a written hospice plan of care must be established and maintained in consultation with SNF representatives. All hospice care provided must be in accordance with this hospice plan of care.

- ▶ The hospice plan of care must identify the care and services that are needed and specifically identify which provider is responsible for performing the respective functions that have been agreed upon and included in the hospice plan of care.

# Hospice Plan of Care

- ▶ (2) The hospice plan of care reflects the participation of the hospice, the SNF/NF and the patient and family to the extent possible.
- ▶ (3) Any changes in the hospice plan of care must be discussed with the patient or representative, and SNF/NF, and must be approved by the hospice before implementation



# Coordination of Services

The hospice must designate a member of the interdisciplinary group that is responsible for:

- ▶ Providing overall coordination of the hospice care of the resident with the SNF/NF; and
- ▶ Communicating with SNF/NF representatives and other health care providers participating in the provision of care for the terminal illness and related conditions and other conditions to ensure quality of care for the patient



# Coordination of Services

The hospice must designate a member of the interdisciplinary group that is responsible for:

- ▶ Ensure that the hospice IDG communicates with the SNF/NF medical director, the patient's attending physician, and other physicians participating in the provision of care to the patient as needed to coordinate the hospice care of the hospice patient with the medical care provided by other physicians

# Documentation in SNF Chart

The hospice must provide the SNF/NF with the following information :

- ▶ The most recent hospice plan of care specific to each patient;
- ▶ Hospice election form and any advance directives specific to each patient;
- ▶ Physician certification and recertification of the terminal illness specific to each patient;

# Documentation in SNF Chart

The hospice must provide the SNF/NF with the following information :

- ▶ Names and contact information for hospice personnel involved in hospice care of each patient;
- ▶ Instructions on how to access the hospice's 24-hour on-call system;
- ▶ Hospice medication information specific to each patient; and
- ▶ Hospice physician and attending physician (if any)