

Medicare Care Choices Model



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Model Purpose

- **According to Medicare claims data, only 44 percent of Medicare patients use the hospice benefit at the end of life, and most use the benefit for only a short period of time.**
- **This model enables beneficiaries to receive palliative care services that are provided by the Medicare Care Choices Model participating hospices concurrently with services from their curative care provider.**

The Hospice Applicant

- **The applicant must be a Medicare certified and enrolled hospice based on its Medicare provider number.**
- **CMS seeks a diverse group of hospices representative of various geographic areas, both urban and rural, and hospices of varying sizes.**
- **The applicant must be able to demonstrate experience providing care coordination services and/or case management as well as shared decision-making to beneficiaries.**

Eligible Beneficiaries

- **Beneficiaries with advanced cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure and HIV/AIDS**
- **Must meet Medicare hospice eligibility requirements under the Medicare hospice benefit**
- **Must not have elected the Medicare hospice benefit within the last 30 days prior to their participation in the Medicare Care Choices Model**

Services Available

Services covered under the Medicare Hospice Benefit for routine home care and inpatient respite care levels of care that cannot be billed separately under Medicare Parts A, B, and D.

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Services Available to MCCM Beneficiaries

Based on Medicare Hospice CoPs and Sources of Payment

| Payment: | Services available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to Model Beneficiaries—Referred to as MCCM Services |
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| <p>MCCM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$400 PBPM Fee (the fee is pro-rated to \$200 PBPM for services provided for less than 15 days in a calendar month) ○ Focus on management of services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling services to the beneficiary and family that includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bereavement ○ Spiritual ○ Dietary • Family support • Psycho-social assessment • Nursing services • Medical social services • Hospice aide and homemaker services • Volunteer services • Comprehensive assessment • Plan of care • Interdisciplinary Team (IDG) • Care coordination/case management services • In-home respite care |
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| Payment: | Services to be furnished by Medicare Providers/Suppliers |
| <p>Services Reimbursable under Medicare Parts A, B, and/or D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paid through regular Medicare claims processing through MACs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical or occupational therapy • Speech language pathology services • Drugs for the management of pain or other symptoms from the terminal illness or related conditions • Medical equipment and supplies • Any other service that is specified in the patient's plan of care for which payment may otherwise be made under Medicare (for example, ambulance transports) • Short-term inpatient care for pain or symptom management which cannot be managed in the home environment • Physician Services |

Payment

- **\$400 PBPM Fee to the Medicare Care Choices Model participating hospices**
- **Total payment for Model services**
- **Services that Medicare covers under Parts A, B, or D must be billed separately and are not part of the \$400 PBPM payment.**

Model Focus

- **Pain and symptom management/palliative care services**
- **Care Coordination, Case Management, and Shared decision making**
- **Patient-Centered Goals**
- **24/7, 365 days per year access to hospice professionals**

Medicare Care Choices Model Team

- **The Medicare Care Choices Model Hospices**
- **CMS Project Officers for Implementation and Evaluation**
- **CMS Implementation and Evaluation Contractors**

3-Year Model

Medicare Care Choices Model participating hospices will:

- **Provide monthly service and activity log—basis for payment**
- **Provide quarterly quality measures**
- **Participate in periodic meetings and lessons learned**

Technical Support

- **Medicare Care Choices Model participating hospices will have access to CMS' implementation contractor in addition to the CMS project officers to assist with implementing this model.**
- **The goal is to assist the hospices with technical support that includes site visits, phone calls, and email to maximize their success with this model.**

Important Information

Medicare Care Choices Model Website:

<http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Medicare-Care-Choices/>

Upcoming Open Door Forum: April 16, 2014

Sign-up for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Website—it's your job to monitor this website for the latest about Medicare Care Choices Model.

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Thank You



We look forward to working with you