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To: Hospice Providers

Subject: Long Term Care (LTC)
Hospice Provider Letter No. 04-04
Case Mix Rules and Texas Index for Level of Effort (TILE) Assessments

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Hospice providers serving clients in nursing facilities, will begin to use the new instructions to the TILE assessments on July 1, 2004.

A copy of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Case Mix rules can be found in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 1, Part 15, Chapter 371, Subchapter C Utilization Review. The TILE assessment, Form 3652 can be found at the following web site: <http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/providers/LTC-Policy>.

If you have any questions regarding HHSC Case Mix rules, please contact Sandra Brown, R.N., Nursing Facility Manager, HHSC at (512) 482-3298. If you have questions regarding Medicaid hospice rules and policy, contact Maxcine Tomlinson, Medicaid Hospice Program Specialist at (512) 438-3169.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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