



COMMISSIONER
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To: Medicaid Hospice Providers

Subject: Provider Letter 05-63 Updates to the Medicaid Hospice Provider Manual

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has updated the Texas Medicaid Hospice Provider Manual. The following changes were made to the handbook:

- The word "recipient" was changed to "individual" or "consumer" where applicable.
- The Medicaid Eligibility staff were transferred to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) from legacy Department of Human Services.
- Section 4200 Claims Management System was consolidated.
- Section 4300 Reports and Section 4400 Correction of Claims were deleted. Providers can access this information from TDH Connect.
- Item 4530 Physician Services For Day of Discharge was added. This section advises providers on the processes they must follow to be paid for physician services on day of discharge.
- Section 9000 Community Services was updated.

DADS Medicaid hospice forms, instructions, manuals, rules and provider letters may be accessed at: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/business/communitycare/index.cfm>

Providers are responsible for ensuring that they have the most current rules, letters and forms.

For billing and payment questions, please contact Provider Claims Services at (512) 490-4666. For Medicaid hospice policy questions, please contact Maxcine Tomlinson, Program Consultant at (512) 438-3169.

Sincerely,

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