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Hospice News: Medicare Widens Hospice Vaccine Billing Format

Hospices can get their newly updated vaccine billing instructions in a recently reissued transmittal.

Reminder: Now that Oct. 1 has passed, hospices can bill for flu, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines under their hospice enrollment, using the institutional claim format, the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** says in MLN Matters article 9052. Previously, they had to obtain a supplier number and had to submit the services on a professional claim.

Tip: "Payment made through the [Medicare Physician Fee Schedule] is based on geographic locality," notes the **National Association for Home Care & Hospice** in its member newsletter.

See the MLN Matters article at

www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM9052.pdf.