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Payment: You Can't Submit NOEs Electronically Without This Crucial Item

Take a look at the NOE submission requirements in the recently released NOE companion guide.

If Notice of Election problems have been dragging down your reimbursement levels, a new submission method may help you - if you know the ropes.

Reminder: Starting in January, you will be able to submit NOEs electronically, HHH Medicare Administrative Contractor **CGS** reminds hospices in a recent post to its website.

But the change won't be automatic. "Medicare contractors and hospices may develop trading partner agreements to exchange NOE and related transaction data using a nonstandard implementation of the 837I transaction. Medicare will develop a companion guide for NOE transmissions," the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** said in the July transmittal implementing the change. "This guide will provide hospices instructions for how to complete data elements that are required by the 837I transaction but are not required by an NOE. Hospices may voluntarily agree to adopt the companion guide and submit nonstandard 837I transactions."

CMS has posted its September 2017 companion guide at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Hospice/Downloads/Companion-Guide-Electronic-Notices-Election.pdf.

"CGS encourages hospice providers to develop trading partner agreements to prepare for the implementation of this Change Request," the MAC says in a message to providers.

See the July transmittal at www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R3813CP.pdf.