

The Hospice Benefit-Billing and Payment Teleconference Summary
June 15, 2010

On June 15, 2010, NHIC, Corp. conducted a teleconference on the Medicare Hospice benefit. The objective of this session was to educate providers on the billing requirements under the Medicare Hospice benefit. We reviewed the claim submission steps as well as the billing transactions that are used to report situations to Medicare such as elections, revocations, and transfers.

Question and Answer Summary

The following question(s) were asked during the teleconference. Questions and answers may have been rewritten for clarity.

Q1. Which NPI would we report on the claim if the initial certifying physician identified on the Notice of Election (NOE)/claim is not the same as the recertifying physician?

A1. You will report the NPI and name of the physician who certified the patient for the most recent election period that corresponds with the claim. For example, let's say that the second election period begins on January 15, 2010 and the recertifying physician is different than the initial certifying physician. The claim for January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010 should have the physician who recertified the patient for the second election period, not the initial certifying physician.

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