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SUBJECT Hospice Services		BY  Vincent D. Gordon, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify physicians and hospice providers that the Department of Public Welfare (Department) updated the Election of Hospice Care (MA 373) and the Certification of Terminal Illness (MA 372) Forms.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to physicians and hospice providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program who order and provide hospice services for eligible MA beneficiaries in both the fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care delivery systems.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Section 2302 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides that the election of hospice care by or on behalf of a MA eligible child shall not constitute a waiver of any rights of the child to receive treatment for the condition for which a diagnosis of terminal illness was made.

The Department revised the Election of Hospice Care Form (MA 373 and MA 373 – S) to reflect the Department’s policy that MA beneficiaries under the age of 21 who elect hospice services may also receive services to treat their terminal illness. The Department also updated the Certification of Terminal Illness Form (MA 372) to allow for usage of ICD-9 and ICD-10 code sets.

PROCEDURE:

Effective December 8, 2014, MA physicians, hospice providers and MA beneficiaries and/or their representative are to use the revised Election of Hospice Care Form (MA 373 or MA 373 – S (Spanish) and the Certification of Terminal Illness Form (MA 372) attached to this bulletin. Please note that completed Election of Hospice Care

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll free number for your provider type

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm>

Forms (MA 373) and Certification of Terminal Illness Forms (MA 372) are to be submitted to the MA beneficiary's local County Assistance Office for processing.

Physicians and hospice providers may obtain the MA 372 and MA 373 Forms online by accessing the Department's website link at:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/dpwassets/maforms/index.htm>.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Election of Hospice Care Form (MA 373) 01/14
- Election of Hospice Care Form (MA 373 – S) 01/14
- Certification of Terminal Illness Form (MA 372) 03/14