POLICY STATEMENT: A patient or his/her representative may revoke election of the Medicare hospice benefit at any time and for any reason during an election period.

PROCEDURES:

1. To revoke the election of hospice care, the patient or representative must sign a revocation statement indicating that Medicare coverage for hospice care is revoked and the date that the revocation is effective.

2. The patient/representative may not designate an effective date earlier than the date the revocation is made.

3. The patient is advised that he or she may re-elect Medicare coverage for hospice care at any time if eligibility requirements are met.

4. Only the patient or his or her representative may revoke Medicare election. HOPE HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE, INC may not revoke a patient's Medicare election nor pressure the patient to do so for any reason or under any circumstances.

5. Reasons a patient may choose to revoke the Medicare hospice benefit may include, but not be limited to the following reasons:
   a. moving out of the hospice’s service area;
   b. dissatisfaction with the hospice’s services;
   c. choosing to receive care at an inpatient facility with which the hospice does not have a written agreement; and/or
   d. choosing to seek aggressive care for treatment of the terminal diagnosis.

6. When a revocation occurs, a discharge summary is completed to summarize the care received by the patient, reason(s) for the revocation, and needed follow-up care or services.

7. The patient’s attending physician is notified of the revocation decision and effective date by the RN Case Manager.

1. When a patient revokes the Medicare hospice benefit, he or she loses the remaining days in the current benefit period and, if readmitted, goes into the next benefit period.

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