

MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATIONS

General Guideline 17

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17. Members in Hospice

Exclude members who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year, regardless of when the services began. These members may be identified using various methods, which may include but are not limited to enrollment data, medical record, claims/encounter date (Hospice Encounter Value Set; Hospice Intervention Value Set) or supplemental data for this required exclusion. If organizations use the Monthly Membership Detail Data File to identify these members, use of the run date of the file to determine if the member elected to use a hospice benefit during the measurement year.

Organizations should attempt to remove these members prior to determining a measure's eligible population and drawing the sample for hybrid measures. If a member is found to be in hospice or using hospice services during medical record review, the member is removed as a valid data error from the sample and replaced by a member from the oversample. Documentation that a member is near the end of life (e.g., comfort care, DNR, DNI) or is in palliative care does not meet criteria for the hospice exclusion.

The exclusion of members in hospice is subject to auditor review.

Note

- *Members in hospice are not excluded from the measures in the Health Plan Descriptive domain.*
- *Supplemental data can be used for the hospice exclusion for all applicable measures, including measures that say "supplemental data may not be used for the measure" (e.g., PCR).*
- *For ECDS reporting, hospice data from Monthly Membership Detail Data Files must be flagged for the administrative Source System of Record.*