



## Ensuring Only the Active Billing Hospice Can Submit a Revocation

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Note: We revised this article on May 13, 2019, to add a link to a related article, [SE18007](#). The article announced recent and upcoming Improvements to hospice billing, including a section, “*Correcting Election or Revocation Dates using Occurrence Code 56.*” All other information remains the same.

### PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for hospices billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for hospice services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 11049 creates a new Common Working File (CWF) edit in Medicare systems to ensure that the provider identifier (the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Certification Number (CCN)) on Type of Bill (TOB) 8xB matches the most recent provider CCN on a hospice benefit period. CR 11049 contains no new policy. It revises Medicare systems to administer existing hospice benefit policy more efficiently. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these edits.

### BACKGROUND

Original Medicare implemented the systems and operational changes needed to redesign how the CWF stores and updates hospice election and benefit period information. Generally, these changes ensure that election and revocation date information are separate from benefit period information, so the two types of information can be updated independently. Since the implementation of these changes, MACs have identified processing scenarios that call for additional changes, several of which are resolved in CR 10967, to be implemented April 1, 2019 (read the related article at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM10967.pdf>). CR 11049 resolves another scenario.

CWF will allow Notices of Revocation/Termination (NOTR – TOB 8xB) if the provider CCN on the NOTR matches the CCN on the hospice election period. This occurs even if a transfer notice (8xC) or a change of ownership notice (8xE) has changed the billing provider on a benefit

period within that election.

Hospice providers should be aware that MACs will reject an incoming TOB 8xB if:

- The provider CCN matches the CCN on the hospice election period or matches a previous transfer or change of ownership CCN that is not the latest; AND
- Transfer or change of ownership dates are present on a hospice benefit period; AND
- No claims have processed within the benefit period after the revocation date; AND
- The CCN does not match the CCN associated with the latest transfer or change of ownership date on the hospice benefit period.

MACs will return the rejected 8xB to the provider with a message stating that the active billing provider on the hospice benefit period must submit the revocation.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11049, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4254CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

## DOCUMENT HISTORY

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May 13, 2019	We revised this article to add a link to a related article, <a href="#">SE18007</a> . The article announced recent and upcoming Improvements to hospice billing, including a section, “ <i>Correcting Election or Revocation Dates using Occurrence Code 56.</i> ”
March 14, 2019	We revised the article to reflect the revised CR11049 issued on March 13. CMS revised the CR to clarify one of the business requirements and we show that change in the article in a revision to the first bullet point on page 2. Also, we revised the CR release date, transmittal number, and the web address of the CR.
December 28, 2018	Initial article released.

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