

**Hospice Reason Codes and Statements**  
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<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>ELECTION STATEMENT/ADDENDUM</b>
<b>HS000</b>	The documentation submitted did not support the election statement was signed before initiating the Medicare-covered hospice benefit. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24(b) and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.2.1.
<b>HS001</b>	The documentation submitted did not include the election statement for this beneficiary. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1 .1.
<b>HS002</b>	The documentation submitted did not include the beneficiary requested election statement addendum. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.2.1.2.
<b>HS004</b>	The documentation submitted had an election statement did not identify the hospice that is providing care to the beneficiary. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1.1 and 20.2.1.2.
<b>HS005</b>	The documentation submitted had an election statement that did not identify the attending physician that will provide care to the beneficiary. The individual or representative must acknowledge that the identified attending physician was his or her choice. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1.1 and 20.2.1.2.
<b>HS006</b>	The documentation submitted had an election statement that did not clearly acknowledge the palliative vs curative nature of hospice care. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1.1 and 20.2.1.2.
<b>HS007</b>	The documentation submitted had an election statement which failed to convey to the individual or their representative that certain services are waived by the election of hospice. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1.1 and 20.2.1.2.
<b>HS008</b>	The documentation submitted had an election statement that did not included an effective date or the effective date was retroactive. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1.1 and 20.2.1.2.
<b>HS009</b>	The documentation submitted had an election statement that did not include information on the individual cost-sharing for hospice services. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1.1 and 20.2.1.2.
<b>HS010</b>	The documentation submitted had an election statement that did not include notification of the right to receive an election statement addendum. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1.1 and 20.2.1.2.

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<b>HS011</b>	The documentation submitted had an election statement that did not provide the BFCC-QIO contact information. Refer to 42 CFR 418.24 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Sections 20.2.1.1 and 20.2.1.2.
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<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION</b>
<b>HS100</b>	The initial certification submitted was not signed timely by the designated attending and/or certifying physician. Refer to 42 CFR 418.22 and CMS IOM Publication 100-2, Chapter 9, Section 20.1.
<b>HS101</b>	The documentation submitted did not include a certification for the dates of service billed. Refer to 42 CFR 418.22 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.1.
<b>HS102</b>	The documentation submitted does not support a subsequent certification was signed timely by the physician. Refer to 42 CFR 418.22 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.1.
<b>HS103</b>	The documentation submitted does not support the initial certification was signed by the physician. Refer to 42 CFR 418.22 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.1.
<b>HS104</b>	The documentation submitted does not support the subsequent certification was signed by the physician. Refer to 42 CFR 418.22 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.1.
<b>HS105</b>	The documentation submitted does not include a certification with the 6-month terminal prognosis statement. Refer to 42 CFR 418.22 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.1.
<b>HS106</b>	The documentation submitted either did not include a physician narrative statement or the physician narrative statement was not valid. Refer to 42 CFR 418.22(b)(3) and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.1.
<b>HS107</b>	The documentation submitted does not support a valid face to face encounter occurred. Refer to 42 CFR 418.22 (a)(4) and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 20.1.

<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>PLAN OF CARE</b>
<b>HS200</b>	The documentation submitted does not include an individualized plan of care for all services provided by the hospice that is established and updated by the hospice interdisciplinary group, in consultation with the patient's attending physician (if any). Refer to 42 CFR 418.56, 42 CFR 418.200 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 40.

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<b>HS201</b>	The documentation submitted did not support that services were provided in accordance with the plan of care. Refer to 42 CFR 418.54, 42 CFR 418.56 and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 40.
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<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>MEDICAL NECESSITY: TERMINAL PROGNOSIS</b>
<b>HS300</b>	The documentation submitted does not support a terminal prognosis/illness of six months or less. Refer to 42 CFR 418.20 and CMS Publication 100-2, Chapter 9, Section 10.

<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>MEDICAL NECESSITY: LEVEL OF CARE</b>
<b>HS400</b>	The documentation indicates the inpatient respite care exceeded five days. Respite days greater than 5 are paid at the routine home care rate. Refer to 42 CFR 418.302(e)(5), CMS Publication 100-2, Chapter 9, Sections 40.1.5 and 40.2.2, and Publication 100-04, Chapter 11, Section 30.1.
<b>HS401</b>	The documentation submitted does not support that the requirements for respite care were met. Refer to 42 CFR 418.302(b)(3) and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9 Sections 40.1.5 and 40.2.2.
<b>HS402</b>	Reduce one general inpatient care day to routine care day. The day of discharge from the inpatient level of care is paid at the routine care rate. Refer to 42 CFR 418.302(e)(5) and CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 11, Section 30.1.
<b>HS403</b>	The documentation received indicates that the general inpatient care level of services were not necessary for care related to the terminal illness. Refer to 42 CFR Section 418.302(b)(4) and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 40.1.5.
<b>HS404</b>	The documentation indicates the level of care was at the respite level of care not at the general inpatient level of care. Refer to 42 CFR 418.302(b)(4), 42 CFR 418.302 (e)(5) and CMS Publication 100-2, Chapter 9, Sections 40.1.5 and Section 40.2.2.
<b>HS405</b>	The documentation submitted indicates the general inpatient level of care was not reasonable and necessary. Refer to 42 CFR 418.302(b)(4) and CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 40.1.5.
<b>HS406</b>	The documentation submitted indicated some of the continuous care hours billed were not documented in the medical record. Refer to 42 CFR 418.302 (b)(2) and 418.302(e)(4), CMS Publication 100-2, Chapter 9, Section 40.2.1 and CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 11, Section 30.1.

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<b>HS407</b>	The documentation submitted indicates that the continuous home care was not reasonable and necessary. Refer to 42 CFR 418.302 (b)(4), CMS Publication 100-2, Chapter 9, Section 40.2.1 and CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 11, Section 30.1 .
<b>HS408</b>	The documentation submitted indicates the physician services billed were performed by a nurse practitioner and should be billed with a GV modifier. Refer to CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 11, Sections 30.3 and 40.1.3.
<b>HS409</b>	The documentation submitted indicates the physician services were not reasonable and necessary or were administrative in nature including review, supervision and update of the care and services noted in the hospice care plan. Refer to CMS Publication 100-02, Chapter 9, Section 40.1.3 and CMS Claims Processing Manual 100-04, Chapter 11, Section 10.

<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>
<b>HS500</b>	The documentation submitted did not support the services as billed. Refer to CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 11, Section 30.1.
<b>HS501</b>	The documentation submitted indicated the Hospice service(s) were billed in error. Refer to CMS Claims Processing Manual, Publication 100-4, Chapter 11, Section 30.3.

<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>DEMAND</b>
<b>HS600</b>	The documentation submitted supported the provider's determination of noncoverage for the GIP care. Refer to CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 11, Section 100.2.

<b>Reason Code</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE/OTHER</b> <i>(For Transmission via esMD)</i>
<b>GEX04</b>	Other
<b>GEX05</b>	The system used to retrieve the Subscriber/Insured details using the given MBI is temporarily unavailable.
<b>GEX06</b>	<i>The documentation is incomplete</i>
<b>GEX07</b>	This submission is an unsolicited response
<b>GEX08</b>	<i>The documentation cannot be matched to a case/claim</i>
<b>GEX09</b>	<i>This is a duplicate of a previous transaction</i>

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<b>GEX10</b>	The date(s) of service on the cover sheet received is missing or invalid.
<b>GEX11</b>	The NPI on the cover sheet received is missing or invalid.
<b>GEX12</b>	The state where services were provided is missing or invalid on the cover sheet received.
<b>GEX13</b>	The Medicare ID on the cover sheet received is missing or invalid.
<b>GEX14</b>	The billed amount on the cover sheet received is missing or invalid.
<b>GEX15</b>	The contact phone number on the cover sheet received is missing or invalid.
<b>GEX16</b>	The Beneficiary name on the cover sheet received is missing or invalid
<b>GEX17</b>	The Claim number on the cover sheet received is missing or invalid
<b>GEX18</b>	The ACN on the coversheet received is missing or invalid
<b>GEX19</b> (Effective 10/01/2021)	Provider is exempted from submitting this PA request