

Model Example of “Patient Notification of Hospice Non-Covered Items, Services, and Drugs”

Patient Name: _____

Patient MRN: _____

Hospice Agency Name: _____

Date Furnished: _____

Purpose of Issuing this Notification

The purpose of this addendum is to notify the requesting Medicare beneficiary (or beneficiary representative), in writing, of those conditions, items, services, and drugs not covered by the hospice because the hospice has determined they are unrelated to your terminal illness and related conditions. If you request this notification within the first 5 days of the election start date, the hospice must furnish the written addendum within 5 days of the request date. If you request this notification during the course of hospice care (that is, after the first 5 days of the hospice election start date), the hospice must furnish this written addendum within 3 days of the request date.

Diagnoses Related to Terminal Illness and Related Conditions

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Diagnoses Unrelated to Terminal Illness and Related Conditions

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Items, Services, and Drugs Determined by Hospice to be Unrelated to Your Terminal Illness and Related Conditions (these items, services, and drugs will not be covered under the hospice benefit):

Items/Services/Drugs	Reason for Non-coverage

Note: The hospice makes the decision as to whether conditions, items, services, and drugs are related for each patient. As the beneficiary (or beneficiary representative), you should share this list and clinical explanation with other healthcare providers from which you seek items, services, or drugs, unrelated to your terminal illness and related conditions to assist in making treatment decisions. The hospice should provide its reasons for non-coverage in language that you (or your representative) understand.

Right to Immediate Advocacy

As a Medicare beneficiary, you have the right to contact the Medicare Beneficiary and Family Centered Care-Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO) to request for Immediate Advocacy if you (or your representative) disagree with the decision of the hospice agency on items not covered because the hospice has determined they are unrelated to your terminal illness and related conditions.

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Please visit this website to find the BFCC-QIO for your area: <https://qioprogram.org/locate-your-qio> or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Note: The 'date furnished' is defined as when the beneficiary (or representative) receives an addendum within 3 or 5 days from their request and not the date of the signature.

Signing this notification (or its updates) is only acknowledgement of receipt of this notification (or its updates) and does not constitute your agreement with the hospice’s determinations.

Signature of Beneficiary: _____

Signature of Beneficiary Representative (if beneficiary is unable to

sign): _____

Date Signed: _____