

# Hospice Election Statement Example

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## Hospice Philosophy

I acknowledge that I have been given a full explanation and have an understanding of the purpose of hospice care. Hospice care is to relieve pain and other symptoms related to my terminal illness and related conditions and such care will not be directed toward cure. The focus of hospice care is to provide comfort and support to both me and my family/caregivers.

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## Effects of a Medicare Hospice Election

I understand that by electing hospice care under the Medicare Hospice Benefit, I am acknowledging that I understand the palliative rather than curative nature of hospice care, as it relates to my terminal illness and related conditions. I understand that by electing hospice care under the Medicare Hospice Benefit, I am waiving (give up) all rights to Medicare payments for services related to my terminal illness and related conditions and I understand that while this election is in force, Medicare will make payments for care related to my terminal illness and related conditions only to the designated hospice and attending physician that I have selected. I understand that services not related to my terminal illness or related conditions will continue to be eligible for coverage by Medicare; however, I also understand that services unrelated to my terminal illness and related conditions are exceptional and unusual and hospice should cover all care related to my terminal illness and related conditions needed under the hospice election.

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## Hospice Coverage and Right to Request “Patient Notification of Hospice Non-Covered Items, Services, and Drugs”

I acknowledge that I have been provided with information about my financial responsibility for certain hospice services (drug copayment and inpatient respite care). I understand that I have the right to request at any time, in writing, the “**Patient Notification of Hospice Non-Covered Items, Services, and Drugs**” addendum that lists the items, services, and drugs that the hospice has determined to be unrelated to my terminal illness and related conditions that would not be covered by the hospice. I acknowledge that I have been provided information regarding the provision of Immediate Advocacy through the Beneficiary and Family-Centered Care Quality Organization (BFCC-QIO) if I disagree with any of the hospice’s determinations and I have been provided with the contact information for the BFCC-QIO that services my area.

I elect to receive the “**Patient Notification of Hospice Non-Covered Items, Services, and Drugs**”

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Hospice: Please provide the beneficiary with the addendum. Must be signed and dated accompanying the election statement.)

I decline to receive the “**Patient Notification of Hospice Non-Covered Items, Services, and Drugs**”

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Right to choose an attending physician

I understand that I have a right to choose my attending physician to oversee my care. My attending physician will work in collaboration with the hospice agency to provide care related to my terminal illness and related conditions.

I do not wish to choose an attending physician

I acknowledge that my choice for an attending physician is:

Physician Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I acknowledge and understand the above, and authorize Medicare hospice coverage to be provided by \_\_\_\_\_ to begin on \_\_\_\_\_

(Hospice Agency)

(Effective Date of Election)

**Note:** The effective date of the election, which may be the first day of hospice care or a later date, but may be no earlier than the date of the election statement. An individual may not designate an effective date that is retroactive.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Beneficiary/Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

Beneficiary is unable to sign -Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

# Patient Notification of Hospice Non-Covered Items, Services, and Drugs Example

**Date of Request** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hospice Agency** \_\_\_\_\_

(Hospice must furnish this addendum within 5 days if requested at the time of hospice election and within 72 hours if requested during the course of hospice care.)

**Patient Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **MRN** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnoses Related to Terminal Illness and Related Conditions (hospice is responsible to cover all items, services and drugs):**

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

**Diagnoses Unrelated to Terminal Illness and Related Conditions:**

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

**Non-covered items, services, and drugs determined by hospice as not related to my terminal illness and related conditions:**

Items/Services/Drugs	Reason for Non-coverage

**Note:** The hospice makes the decision as to whether or not conditions, items, services, and drugs are related for each beneficiary. This addendum should be shared 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.

**Right to Immediate Advocacy**

As a Medicare beneficiary you have the right to appeal the decision of the hospice agency on items not be covering because the hospice has determined they are unrelated to the individual's terminal illness and related conditions. You have the right to contact the Medicare Beneficiary and Family Centered Care-Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO) for immediate assistance.

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

**Acknowledgement of non-covered items, services, and drugs not related to my terminal illness and related conditions**

The purpose of this addendum is to notify beneficiary (or representative), in writing, of those conditions, items, services, and drugs the hospice will not be covering because the hospice has determined they are unrelated to the individuals terminal illness and related conditions. I acknowledge that I have been given a full explanation and have an understanding of the list of items, services and drugs not related to my terminal illness and related conditions not being covered by hospice. Signing this addendum (or its's updates) is only acknowledgement of receipt of the addendum (or its updates) and not necessarily agreement with the hospice's determinations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Beneficiary/Representative**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date Signed)**

Beneficiary is unable to sign -Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Witness signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date Signed)**