

December Office Hours: Hospice Benefit Component Operational And Technical Guidance

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Agenda

- Brief Updates
- Brief Overview of Network
- Question and Answer

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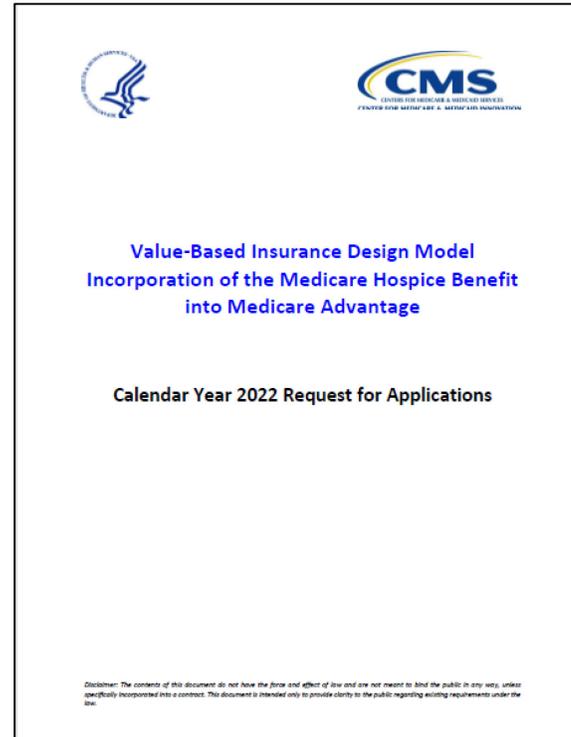
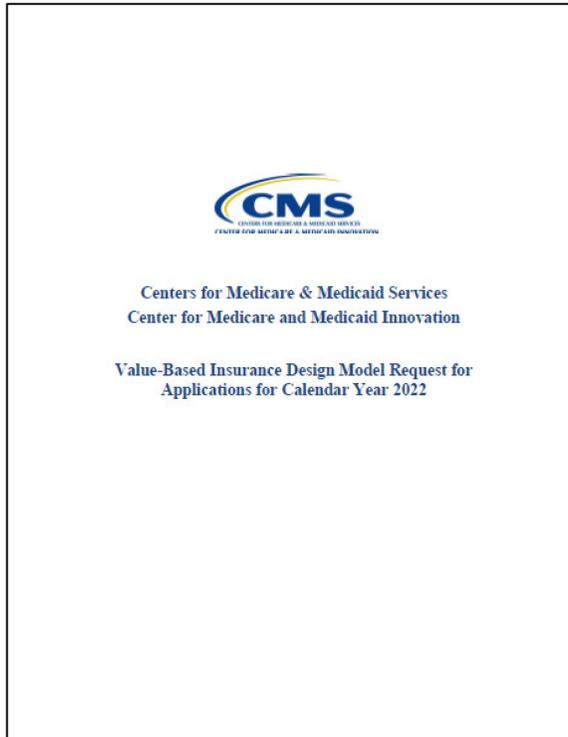
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Brief Update

Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Request for Applications Released for Eligible MAOs!



- CY2022 VBID RFA & CY2022 VBID Hospice Benefit Component RFA can be found on the VBID Model homepage
- Application Portal Go-Live by February 1, 2021
- Applications due by April 16, 2021

New Hospice Benefit Component Resources

- Find previous webinar and office hour content (including an overview on billing) here: <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/vbid-hospice-benefit-outreach-education>
 - CY 2021 Hospice Benefit Component Overview Webinar
 - November Office Hour Session
- Mailing sent to hospice providers serving impacted areas in mid-November.
 - Letter sent to hospice providers: <https://innovation.cms.gov/media/document/vbid-hospice-2021-letters>
 - Provider Checklist with key billing and eligibility information: <https://innovation.cms.gov/media/document/vbid-cy2021-hospice-provider-checklist>
- Update to plan content on hospice provider webpages here: <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/vbid-hospice-benefit-participating-plans>

CY2021 Hospice Benefit Component Monitoring Guidelines Released!

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Value-Based Insurance Design Model
Hospice Benefit Component
Calendar Year 2021 Monitoring Guidelines

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Aims to provide guidelines to enable real time monitoring of the progress of participating MAOs, and their in-network and out-of-network providers, in improving access to high-quality hospice care for MA enrollees who elect the hospice benefit

Brief Overview of Networks

Out-Of-Network Payments Related to Hospice

Non-Hospice Care

Care unrelated to the hospice enrollee's terminal illness and related conditions and any post-live discharge care as applicable

May be covered out-of-network

Provided consistent with plan rules

Utilization management permitted

Hospice Care

Comprehensive set of services as defined in § 1861(dd) of the Social Security Act

Must be covered out-of-network at least at Original Medicare rates

Access permitted to all Medicare-certified hospice providers

Utilization management NOT permitted

Prepayment or postpayment review permitted focused on program integrity and beneficiary safety and in alignment with existing MAC processes

All organization determinations and appeals must be addressed on an **expedited** basis.

Questions?

Upcoming Events and Key Resources

- Monthly office hours events to provide technical support
 - January 12, 1-2 PM EST
 - February 11, 4-5 PM EST
- Hospice provider webpages here: <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/vbid-hospice-benefit-overview>
- List of participating MAOs, with service area and contact information: <https://innovation.cms.gov/media/document/vbid-cy2021-hospice-contact-info-geo>
- CY2021 Technical and Operational Guidance in detail: <https://innovation.cms.gov/media/document/vbid-hospice-technical-guidance-cy2021>
- CY2021 Hospice Provider Checklist: <https://innovation.cms.gov/media/document/vbid-cy2021-hospice-provider-checklist>

Thank you for joining us.

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