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To: PT 17: Acquired Brain Injury
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PT 44: Hospice Services

From: Pam Smith, Director
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Date: July 30, 2020

Re: Use of Hospice and 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waivers

Kentucky's 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers offer a range of services to help individuals with disabilities live in the community as independently as possible, however, waiver participants sometimes develop needs waiver services cannot meet. When an individual with disabilities needs end of life care, they can be enrolled in both a 1915(c) HCBS waiver and receive Medicaid-paid hospice care. The Department for Medicaid Services wants to clarify how this works.

When a 1915(c) HCBS waiver participant also needs hospice care, the services cannot be duplicative. This means a waiver participant cannot receive a waiver service that is available through hospice. When developing a participant's person-centered service plan, case managers/support brokers/service advisors should review service menus for hospice and for the applicable waiver to make sure these services do not duplicate one another. For questions about available hospice services, call (502) 564-6890.

All waiver services provided to a participant enrolled in hospice require DMS to override claims so the provider can be paid. Due to the bundled nature of the service, DMS is asking Attendant Care providers in the Home and Community Based (HCB) waiver to include detailed notes when providing this service to participants who also receive hospice. DMS will review these notes to ensure supports provided during the delivery of waiver-paid Attendant Care do not duplicate hospice services before overriding any claims. All claims and applicable documentation should be sent to 1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov.

If you have questions about providing hospice services to a 1915(c) HCBS waiver participant, please contact the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at (844) 784-5614 or 1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov.

Sincerely,



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