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From: Strong, Crystal
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 12:31:03 PM
To: Dickinson, Gerry; Broome, Darryl
Subject: RE: Hospice

Good Afternoon Gerry and Darryl,

I hope this answers your question about payment for hospice services.

Medicare pays the hospice facility on a per visit basis to the beneficiary. The initial contract starts out as two 90-day benefit periods, followed by an unlimited number of 60-day benefit periods. The facility on gets paid when the hospice provider makes a visit to the beneficiary.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Crystal

From: Dickinson, Gerry
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Strong, Crystal ; Broome, Darryl
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Darryl- Crystal is out so I spoke to Courtney. With the information I had, I asked about payment for Hospice service.

Courtney reminded me that it is the physician who requests the Hospice care. The facility or hospice service accepts the referral/client. Even if the doctor says the service is needed for a set period, the Hospice service only seeks reimbursement for the actual days used, and not for the entire period requested by the doctor.

I do not know if Crystal will be in tomorrow, but I have copied her on this email. She might be better able to elaborate further.

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