



A transfer is a decision made by the patient and/or family based on the desire for another hospice to assume the care.

The Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage is NOT needed. This is a PATIENT initiated change.

The patient or representative must file a transfer request, ***in writing***, to both the current hospice, and the hospice that will be assuming care.

This notice must simply state the ***name/info regarding the current hospice, and the new hospice the patient wishes to have care provided by, and the date desired to have the transfer of care.***

The current hospice should provide documentation to the hospice assuming care, including the last CTI, a FTF (if applicable), and the current plan of care.

If the receiving hospice feels that the documentation may not be fully compliant, they may complete their own CTI/FTF as well.

As of July, 2022, CMS has made it mandatory that the "Through" date on the current hospices' last bill, must MATCH the "From" date on the receiving hospice's claim. If this date does not match, CMS will reject the transfer, and the agency must treat it as a new admission.

Example- if the transfer was to be on March 5th, this date would be both the last day on the prior hospices' last claim, as well as the first day on the receiving hospice's claim.

The receiving hospice will continue under the current hospice benefit period, and therefore the patient will not lose any days in this benefit.

A transfer may only be completed ONCE during each hospice benefit period (90 day or 60 day periods).

Per CMS: If the beneficiary is transferring from outside the service area and the transferring hospice cannot arrange care until the beneficiary reaches the new hospice, the hospice may discharge the beneficiary. This way, if the beneficiary requires medical treatment while in the process of transferring, he/she can access it under his/her traditional Medicare coverage.

The Notice of Transfer, Type of Bill (TOB) 8XC, must still be submitted when the hospice receives a patient from another hospice during an existing Medicare Hospice Benefit election period. The Notice of Transfer should be submitted to Medicare after the transferring hospice has submitted their final claim (8X4) with the appropriate patient status 50 or 51, but before the receiving hospice has billed their first claim.

This guidance, regarding the overlap in transfer date, is currently appropriate, but will be made mandatory in July, 2022.