



NHPCO Recruitment for Hospices to Participate in Pilot

NHPCO has been actively involved in the National Council of Prescription Drug Plans (NCPDP) Hospice Workgroup since its inception and has been a part of the policy discussions to find a solution for the Part D spending outside the benefit. NHPCO has helped to recruit hospice providers to be a part of the RelayHealth pilot if they have Axxess, MatrixCare, or Netsmart. Recruitment began in February 2022.

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Part D and Hospice Pilot

CMS Part D has contracted with RelayHealth to design a hospice election notification system so that Part D plans will know of the hospice election in a more timely way. NHPCO and NAHC recruited three hospice EMR vendors, Axxess, MatrixCare and Netsmart, to be a part of the pilot to transmit hospice election information through RelayHealth to Part D plans. The three EMR vendors are all recruiting hospice providers to be part of this project who submit NOE data electronically to Medicare using the 837I transaction standard. As a part of the pilot project, your hospice will have the opportunity to be part of solving a difficult communication issue for hospice and Part D. The pilot is also interested in hospices who use a clearinghouse to submit electronic NOE data, as well. When this project moves from the pilot phase to final, testing for the various ways that NOE information gets into the system will be important. Those interested should send an email to regulatory@nhpco.org. NHPCO will send your email of interest to the EMR vendor.

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Volunteers for Part D Pilot Program

CMS is looking for hospices to volunteer to participate in a Part D and Hospice pilot program. If your EMR vendor is Axxess, MatrixCare or Netsmart, there is an opportunity for you to participate! The project will be to help Part D plans to receive information about the hospice election more quickly and ensure that medication claims are processed correctly. This is a very important project and hospices are needed to test the electronic process. The EMR vendors and/or clearinghouses will be helping the CMS contractor program the notifications properly. If you are interested in participating, please email regulatory@nhpco.org with the name of your hospice organization and EMR vendor. NHPCO will bundle volunteers and share your information with the appropriate EMR.