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TO: Arkansas Medicaid Health Care Providers – Hospice

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2018

SUBJECT: Provider Manual Update Transmittal HOSPICE-2-18

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Section	Effective Date
201.100	1-1-18

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Section	Effective Date
201.100	1-1-19

Explanation of Updates

Section 201.100 has been updated to include background checks for hospice providers.

The paper version of this update transmittal includes revised pages that may be filed in your provider manual. See Section I for instructions on updating the paper version of the manual. For electronic versions, these changes have already been incorporated.

If you have questions regarding this transmittal, please contact the Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-457-4454 (Toll-Free) within Arkansas or locally and Out-of-State at (501) 376-2211.

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Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

Tami Harlan
Director

SUMMARY FOR
Hospice-2-18
Section 201.100

Effective 01/01/2019 the Hospice provider manual has been updated to require all owners, principals, operators, employees and applicants for hospice providers to comply with criminal background checks as required by Arkansas Code Annotated 20-33-213 and 20-38-101 et seq.

TOC not required

201.100 Enrollment Criteria

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Hospice Services providers must meet the Provider Participation and enrollment requirements contained within Section 140.000 of this manual as well as the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the Arkansas Medicaid Program:

- A. The hospice provider must be certified as a Title XVIII (Medicare) hospice provider. The provider must submit a copy of the Medicare certification to Provider Enrollment when submitting the Hospice Program application and contract.
- B. The hospice provider must be licensed by the Division of Health Facility Services, Arkansas ~~Division~~ Department of Health. The provider must submit a copy of their current license.
- C. All Medicaid-enrolled hospice providers that employ or contract physicians to provide direct patient care to Medicaid-eligible hospice patients must be enrolled as hospice physician billing intermediaries in order to bill Medicaid for hospice physician. See Section 240.200 for additional information regarding this requirement.

- D. The following individuals employed or contracted with a hospice provider must comply with criminal background checks as required by law currently codified at Arkansas Code Annotated 20-33-213 and 20-38-101 et seq.:

- 1. Owners;
- 2. Principals;
- 3. Operators;
- 4. Employees; and
- 5. Applicants (prior to the extension of a job offer).

~~All owners, principals, employees, and contract staff of a hospice provider must submit to an independent, national criminal background check, identity verification, and fingerprinting. Background checks must be repeated every three years.~~