



# PROVIDER BULLETIN

A bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Ohio provider networks

## Hospice Room and Board

### *Information for Medicaid and MyCare Ohio network providers*

Effective July 1, 2019, when a Molina member resides in a nursing facility and is receiving services from a hospice provider, the hospice provider must bill Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs) and MyCare Ohio plans for room and board. The plans will be required to pay room and board payments directly to the hospice provider for services rendered.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has stated that room and board payments are required to be paid to the hospice provider, not the nursing home, as the hospice provider is considered the provider of record per Social Security Act (SSA) 1905(o)(3)(C). Furthermore, SSA 1902(a)(32) and 42 CFR 447.10 both prohibit provider payment reassignment.

CMS has confirmed there is no flexibility with the requirements as to who the hospice room and board payment is payable to, even within the MyCare Ohio demonstration program. As a result, hospice payment to anyone other than the hospice provider is not permissible for dates on or after July 1, 2019.

For questions, please reach out to your Provider Services Representative at [OHProviderServicesNF@MolinaHealthcare.com](mailto:OHProviderServicesNF@MolinaHealthcare.com).

### Questions?

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