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TO: Home Health and Hospice Agency Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid

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RE: Home Health and Hospice Agency Medicare Enrollment Requirement

Please share this information with administrative, credentialing, and billing staff.

This provider bulletin is being issued to remind Home Health and Hospice Agencies about program standards for participation in Nebraska Medicaid.

Home Health and Hospice Agencies are required by Medicaid regulations (see 471 NAC Chapter 9 for Home Health Agencies and 471 NAC Chapter 36 for Hospice Services) to be enrolled in Medicare in order to participate and remain enrolled in Nebraska Medicaid.

Nebraska Medicaid verifies a provider's Medicare enrollment through the Provider Enrollment Chain Ownership System (PECOS). A provider's organizational name, tax identification numbers, and practice location must match on their Medicare and Medicaid enrollments. Those listed as 5% or greater owners and/or all managing employees on an agreement must also match on their Medicare and Medicaid enrollments.

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Failure to enroll and maintain Medicare enrollment throughout the full duration of enrollment with Nebraska Medicaid is grounds for the imposition of sanction(s) and/or refunds as deemed necessary by the Department.

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