

# PROVIDER BULLETIN No. 15-29

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**TO:** All Hospice Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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**RE:** Hospice Long-Term Care Facility Room and Board Prior Authorization and ICD-10 Services

**Please share this information with Clinical, Coding, Billing, and IT Staff**

**This bulletin provides information on the ICD-10 implementation process to those providers who participate in Nebraska Medicaid and utilize prior authorization services.**

The United States Department of Health and Human Services requires that all HIPAA covered entities use the International Classification of Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Revision, (ICD-10) codes beginning October 1, 2015.

The MC-9NF form is used for requesting authorization for Hospice Long-Term Care Facility Room and Board. To transition to the ICD-10 code set, providers must:

- Use ICD-9 CM codes if the Hospice admit date in the facility is prior to October 1, 2015.
- Use ICD-10 CM codes if the Hospice admit date in the facility is on or after October 1, 2015.
- Check the appropriate ICD indicator (ICD-10 or ICD-9) in Section IV of the MC-9NF.

The MC-9NF form can be accessed at <http://public-dhhs.ne.gov/Forms/Default.aspx>

The MC-9NF instructions can be accessed at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/471-000-203.pdf>.

For further information regarding hospice room and board services in special needs nursing facilities contact Ellen McMillan, RN at (402) 471-9119, or email at [Ellen.McMillan@nebraska.gov](mailto:Ellen.McMillan@nebraska.gov)

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