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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physician, Dentist, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Therapeutically Certified Optometrist, Podiatrist, Pharmacy, Hospice, Home Health Agency, Rural Health Clinic, Clinic, Skilled Nursing Facility, Intermediate Care Facility, Community Mental Health, Family Planning, Residential Care Facility, ICF/ID State and Community Based ICF/ID Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Coverage of Outpatient Prescribed Drugs for Hospice Patients

EFFECTIVE: February 17, 2015

Effective February 17, 2015, Iowa Medicaid will no longer pay for medications in the following therapeutic categories for members enrolled in hospice through Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS):

- Analgesics – non-narcotic
- Analgesics — opioid
- Antianxiety agents
- Antidiarrheals
- Antiemetics
- Antihistamines
- Antispasmodics
- Cough/Cold/Allergy
- Hypnotics
- Laxatives
- Muscle relaxant combinations
- Ophthalmic agents

Claims for medications in the above categories should be submitted to hospice for coverage consideration. If the hospice does not provide payment for a medication in one of the above categories, or if the member is no longer enrolled in hospice, please call the IME POS Helpdesk at the number shown below.

The pharmacy must provide documentation of the hospice covered medications or the date of member discharge from the hospice for Medicaid coverage consideration. Claims for medications not in the above categories will continue to be considered for coverage by Iowa Medicaid.

If you have questions, please contact the Pharmacy POS Helpdesk at 877-463-7671 or 515-256-4608 (local in Des Moines) or email info@iowamedicaidpos.com.