



Medical Assistance BULLETIN

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SUBJECT Temporary Moratorium on Enrollment of New Hospices		BY  Sally A. Kozak Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISe to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/providers/provider-enrollment-information/provider-enrollment-documents>

PURPOSE:

This bulletin is to advise providers of the imposition of a six (6) month moratorium on Medical Assistance (MA) Program enrollment of newly enrolling hospices, effective May 15, 2026.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to Hospices seeking to enroll in the MA Program.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Hospices must be Medicare certified to enroll in Pennsylvania's MA Program and be able to continue to meet the Medicare conditions for participation as a hospice as set forth at 42 CFR Part 418, Subpart C (relating to conditions of participation), in accordance with Department regulations at 55 Pa. Code §§ 1130.51(2) and 1130.52(a)(1).

Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-152) (collectively known as the Affordable Care Act), the state may impose periods of enrollment moratoria for providers or suppliers identified as being at high-risk for fraud, waste, or abuse if the state determines that the imposition would not adversely impact beneficiaries' access to medical assistance.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Fee-for-Service Provider Service Center: 1-800-537-8862

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at:
<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/omap-info>

On May 15, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, announced in the Federal Register an imposition of a 6-month nationwide moratorium on the Medicare enrollment of hospices. See 91 FR 27946 (May 15, 2026).

The Department has reviewed the risk level of hospice providers and any impact on access to hospice services and will impose a 6-month moratorium on the enrollment of any new hospices

PROCEDURE:

The Department imposes a 6-month moratorium on MA Program enrollment of newly enrolling hospices, effective May 15, 2026.

This moratorium does not impact currently enrolled hospices, and enrolled hospices may continue to render services to MA beneficiaries.

RESOURCES:

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-111publ148/pdf/PLAW-111publ148.pdf>

Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-111publ152/pdf/PLAW-111publ152.pdf>