



APPLE HEALTH (MEDICAID) MANUAL REVISION

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Summary of Revision

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/eligibility-hospice-service>

No change in policy regarding hospice, but clarifying the language in the AH manual. Update to program codes.

Apple Health (Medicaid) Manual revision via track changes:

Eligibility for hospice as a service

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When am I Eligible for Hospice as a service? Programs that cover hospice as a service

A client person must be eligible for a categorically needy (CN) or medically needy (MN) program* to receive hospice care. Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- CN non-institutional mMedicaid in an alternative living facility (G03)
- Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) (S08)
- MAGI based CN with the exception of N21 or N25
- Home and Community Based (HCB) Waivers (L21, L22)
- Community First Choice (CFC) (L51, L52)
- Foster care mMedicaid (D01, D02, D26)
- SSI medicaid (S01)
- SSI related (S02, S95, S99 in active status)

Note. A client who has met their spenddown under MN is eligible for hospice as a service.

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~~*For clients determined eligible under the MN program, see additional instructions in 'When am I eligible for the hospice program following institutional Medicaid rules?' (a client who has met their spenddown under MN is eligible for Hospice as a service).~~

- Clients must meet the hHospice diagnostic criteria plus mMedicaid eligibility criteria in order to receive hHospice services.
- Clients who are in a current base period and have not met their spend-down, do not have to reapply to get hHospice, but they do have to meet their spenddown before hHospice can be approved.
- If a client is eligible for a ~~non-institutional~~ non-institutional CN pProgram, the hHospice provider bills the Medicaid Agency the same as any other service.
- If the client is residing in a medical institution, facility such as a nursing facility ~~home~~ or hospice care center, the case must be coded as hospice on the institutional care ~~INST~~ screen in ACES 3G- in order to set the hospice flag on the program ~~STAT~~ in ACES online screen. If income is over the Special Income Limit (SIL), the case will trickle to an MN program.

