

Keep Hospice Out of Medicare Advantage

Protect Patient Choice and Quality End-of-Life Care



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The Ask

Congress should oppose efforts to “carve in” hospice to Medicare Advantage and support the Dunn (R-FL) -Bera (D-CA) letter to congressional leadership.

Why It Matters

Hospice is already a comprehensive, all-inclusive Medicare benefit for patients facing terminal illness. It is designed to provide coordinated end-of-life care focused on comfort, dignity, and family support. Because hospice already manages the full scope of care at the end of life, Medicare Advantage adds no clear value.



Why Congress Should Oppose a Carve-In

Protect Patient Choice

A carve-in could place plan barriers between patients, families, physicians, and the hospice provider they choose.

Preserve Access

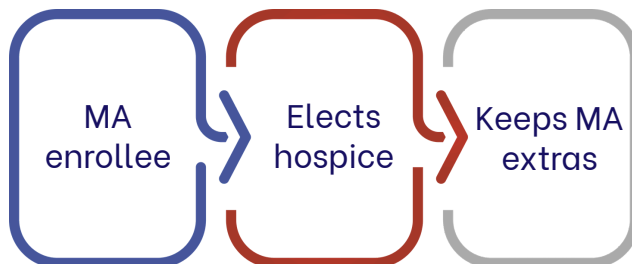
Lower plan payments, narrow networks, and payment delays could make it harder for small and rural hospices to serve patients.

Avoid repeating a failed test

CMS’s VBID hospice demonstration found operational problems, network challenges, and delayed payments -without improving earlier access or care coordination.



Do not disrupt what is already working



Today, Medicare Advantage enrollees can elect hospice under traditional Medicare while keeping MA supplemental benefits, preserving a seamless transition at the end of life.

BOTTOM LINE

Hospice should remain outside Medicare Advantage. Congress should protect seniors’ access to timely, high-quality, barrier-free end-of-life care.

