
CHAPTER 24: HOSPICE

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To be eligible to elect hospice, an individual must meet all Louisiana Medicaid eligibility criteria and be certified as terminally ill. “Terminally ill” is defined as a medical prognosis of limited expected survival, of approximately six months or less at the time of referral to a hospice, of an individual who is experiencing an illness for which therapeutic strategies directed toward cure and control of the disease alone are no longer appropriate.

Both the BHSF-Form Hospice-CTI (Certification of Terminal Illness) (see Appendix B) and the BHSF-Form Hospice (Notice of Election) (see Appendix A) must be completed, and a plan of care must be established. Prior authorization requirements stated in section 24.6 of this chapter are applicable to all election periods.

Medicare and Medicaid (Dual Eligibles)

If the individual is eligible for Medicare as well as Medicaid, the hospice care must be elected or revoked simultaneously under both programs. Medicare is the primary payer.