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### Sample Document: CMS's New Notice of Non-Covered Items, Services and Drugs for Hospice Patients

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As of Oct. 1, 2020, CMS requires hospices to offer patients a hospice election statement addendum—which notifies them of items and services not covered under the Medicare hospice benefit—in addition to the election statement. Because the addendum is a condition of payment, hospice claims are at risk of denial when the addendum is not in the medical records, is inaccurate or provided late (see story, p. 1), <sup>[1]</sup> said Regina Alexander, director of IRO Services at BerryDunn. Contact her at [ralexander@berrydunn.com](mailto:ralexander@berrydunn.com).

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