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## **Policy Reminders for Covered and Non-covered Medication Process for Hospice Recipients**

The following reminders are directed toward hospice and pharmacy providers regarding the covered and non-covered medication process for hospice recipients:

- Only drugs which are used primarily for the relief of pain and symptom control related to the individual's terminal illness are covered under the Nevada Medicaid hospice program. **(Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 3200 Section 3203.1A.3.e.1)**
- Drugs, supplies and durable medical equipment prescribed for conditions other than for the palliative care and management of the terminal illness are not covered benefits under the Nevada Medicaid hospice program and are to be billed in accordance with the appropriate Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) chapter for those services. **(MSM Chapter 3200 Section 3203.1A.3.e.2)**
- Medications not covered under the Nevada Medicaid hospice program that should be paid for by Nevada Medicaid require an input of an override code by the pharmacy of "08" in the Payer Defined Exemption Field (461-EU). These instructions can be found in the [Pharmacy Billing Manual](#) (Section 3.15 Hospice Drugs).
- **Please note:** The FA-28 form (Hospice Medical Ancillary Information) is required to enroll a recipient in hospice and for the hospice to receive billing authorization; this form is not the process for the medication override.