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FACILITY BULLETINS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR HOSPICE PATIENTS END-DATED Information Now Available in the Highmark Provider Manual

The publication of new Facility Bulletins was discontinued in 2015; however, Facility Bulletins published in prior years have remained available on the Provider Resource Center as an information source for facilities. We have reviewed all Facility Bulletins to determine whether Information they contain is still valid prior to archiving the bulletins. Information that remains valid will be transitioned to reimbursement policies or to the *Highmark Provider Manual*, unless it is already available in another resource (e.g., Medical Policy). Once information is transitioned, the bulletins will be end-dated and marked OBSOLETE. End-dated bulletins will remain accessible on the Provider Resource Center for historical purposes.

At this time, the Facility Bulletins titled “New Process for the Coverage of Prescription Drugs for Hospice Patients Effective May 1, 2014” (**HOSPICE-2014-001-W; HOSP-2014-001-W; MPC-2014-001-W**) have been end-dated and marked OBSOLETE, effective January 22, 2020.

The information from these bulletins has been transitioned to the *Highmark Provider Manual's* [Chapter 4.6: Prescription Drug Programs](#) and has been updated with current details. Please see the section titled “Prescription Drugs for Medicare Advantage Hospice Patients.”