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### **Guidelines for Care Coordination for Hospice Patients Who Reside in Nursing Homes**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information related to revisions to the *Guidelines for Care Coordination for Hospice Patients Who Reside in Nursing Homes*.

In 1995, the hospice and nursing home industries published the first edition of the *Guidelines for Care Coordination for Hospice Patients Who Reside in Nursing Homes*. The guidelines were distributed to all hospice and nursing home providers via BQA memorandum in January 1996.

Through the years since publication of the first edition, a great deal has been learned. In response, the Bureau of Quality Assurance (BQA) in collaboration with the Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts (HOPE) of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Health Care Association (WHCA) and the Wisconsin Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (WAHSA) published the second edition of the guidelines. A copy of the revised guideline is attached. This document may be reproduced as needed.

These guidelines are not regulation and are not meant to be a guarantee of compliance with state and/or federal hospice or nursing home requirements. They have been developed to provide a source of information to assist and enhance the partnership between hospice and nursing home providers, each with distinct roles in planning and providing the highest quality services to a common patient during the final months and days of their life. Providers that use these guidelines must develop provider specific written policies and procedures to provide direction to staff for their use.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Questions regarding this information can be directed to Barbara Woodford, Nurse Consultant, Provider Regulation & Quality Improvement Section at 715-855-7310; Jane Walters, Health Services Section (HSS) Northern Unit Supervisor at 608-267-7389; or Juan Flores, HSS Southern Unit Supervisor at 608-261-7824.

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