

HOSPICE DENIAL FACT SHEET

Denial Reason 5PX05, 5PX06, and 5PX07: Missing/Incomplete/Untimely Election Statement

<p>What is an election statement?</p>	<p>An election statement must be completed by the beneficiary or their representative in order to receive services under the Medicare hospice benefit.</p> <p>Each hospice designs and prints its own election statement. However, there is specific information that must be included in order for the election statement to be considered valid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the SE1631 - Sample Hospice Election Statement: https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/se1631.pdf <p>An invalid election statement may result in a claim denial. In addition, if an election statement is not submitted when a claim is selected for medical review additional development request (MR ADR), the claim will be denied.</p>
<p>What is required on an election statement?</p>	<p>To be valid, the election statement must include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the hospice agency that will provide the care; • The effective date of the election; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminder: This date can be the first day of hospice care, or a later date, but cannot be a retroactive date. • The patient's/representatives acknowledgement of their understanding of hospice care, particularly that hospice care is palliative; not curative; • The patient's/representatives acknowledgement that they understand certain Medicare services are waived by the hospice election; and • The signature of the patient or their representative. • The patient's/representative's designated attending physician (if they have one). Include enough detail to clearly identify the attending physician. This may include, but is not limited to, the physician's full name, office address, or National Provider Identifier (NPI). • The patient's/representative's acknowledgement that the designated attending physician was their choice.
<p>Where do I find more information?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGS "Hospice Election Requirements" Web page: http://www.cgsmedicare.com/hhh/coverage/Coverage_Guidelines/Election_Requirements.html • Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (CMS Pub. 100-02, Ch. 9) §10 and §20.2: http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c09.pdf