

**Policy Clarification – Medicaid – All
Medicaid – Long Term Care
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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Hospice Care in a Nursing Facility

Question: PMA 17471-338 states that facility code 37 should not be used for individuals receiving hospice in a nursing home because it is not building a correct category. Have there been any changes to the way these cases are processed since this policy clarification was issued?

Response By: Division of Health Services

Date: 11/8/2016

Yes. As of the November 2016 system update, this issue will be corrected and facility code 37 will properly build a Long Term Care (LTC) budget with a cost of care. If a worker receives an LTC application and the individual is receiving hospice services in a nursing facility, the worker should be entering facility code 37.

The CAO must review their log of the nursing home cases receiving hospice and update the facility code. There should be no change in eligibility or cost of care.

This policy clarification replaces PMA-17471-338 and makes it obsolete effective immediately.