



COMMISSIONER
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To: Hospice Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 10-89
Hospice Tracheostomy Services

This letter notifies providers that, effective August 1, 2010, hospice providers can bill for tracheostomy services provided to residents in nursing facilities.

Hospice providers cannot bill for both Service Code 4 (Ventilator) and Service Code 24 (Tracheostomy). Providers must bill for either Service Code 4 or Service Code 24.

The following billing information is provided to assist hospice providers in correctly billing for these services:

Service Code 24 = Tracheostomy Cleaning
Bill Code – N0502 Child Trachestomy Care
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Code 99199

Reimbursement Rates
August 1, 2010 = Full Tracheostomy Services = \$75.05

If there are questions regarding the above information, contact the DADS Provider Claims Services (PCS) Hotline at 512-438-2200, option 1.

Sincerely,

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Gordon Taylor
DADS Chief Financial Officer

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