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Subject: Reminder – Agencies and Facilities Required to Deliver the Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage

From: Passport Advantage

Sent: July 23, 2009

To: All Passport Advantage HHA, SNF, and CORF Providers

Provider Types Affected:

All Passport Advantage Home Health Agencies (HHA), Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Providers

Background:

Per Federal regulation 42 CFR422.624(b)(2), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all HHAs, SNFs, and CORFs to notify Medicare beneficiaries of the termination of Medicare-covered services using the *Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage* (NOMNC).

Provider Action Needed:

Providers **must** validly* deliver the NOMNC to Passport Advantage members (or their authorized representative) as follows:

- No later than two (2) days before the proposed end of coverage.
- OR –
- At the time of admission if the member's covered services are expected to be less than two (2) days in duration.

If a member refuses to sign the notice, the provider may annotate the NOMNC to indicate the refusal, and the date of refusal is considered the date of receipt of the notice. If the NOMNC is signed by an authorized representative, the Plan will need documentation from the provider regarding the authorized representative.

Providers must supply the Plan with a copy of the signed or annotated NOMNC as requested.

**Valid delivery means the Passport Advantage member (or representative) must be able to understand the purpose and contents of the notice and appeal rights in order to sign for receipt of it.*

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Resources and Questions:

A model of the required NOMNC is now available on our web site, www.passportadvantage.org, under “Provider References.”

For more information regarding this CMS requirement, visit the CMS web site at www.cms.hhs.gov/BNI and click “MA ED Notices.”

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact your Provider Relations representative or the Provider Relations department at (502) 585-7943.

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