

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) & Home Health: Notices of Medicare Non-Coverage Required for Select Health Medicare

Select Health adheres to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements for issuing a Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage (NOMNC) for Select Health Medicare members. The CMS Medicare Managed Care Manual, Chapter 13, Sections 100.2 and 100.2.1 state in part:

- “When a Medicare health plan has approved coverage ... of an enrollee’s admission to a SNF, or coverage of HHA or CORF services, the enrollee must receive a Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage (NOMNC) at least two days in advance of the proposed service termination date.”
- “The provider is responsible for delivering the NOMNC no later than two days before an enrollee’s covered services end.”
- “The provider remains ultimately responsible for the valid delivery of the NOMNC.”

Sanction for Non-compliance

Because Select Health is committed to compliance with these CMS requirements, we require SNF facilities to submit completed NOMNCs to the health plan within two days of member discharge from a SNF. Payment for the services received will be sanctioned 25%, consistent with Select Health Medicare NOMNC procedure, if a SNF provider is found to have either:

- Issued a NOMNC that is not compliant with the CMS-required time frames or valid delivery requirements, or
- Not have issued a NOMNC at all, or
- Failed to provide a copy of the NOMNC to the plan within the required time frame.

For Home Health providers where preauthorization is not required, random audits may be performed to ensure NOMNC issuance compliance.

Exceptions

The only exceptions to the NOMNC issuance requirement are:

- When a discharge is initiated for exhaustion of benefits
- For a member who leaves against medical advice or is admitted to a different facility at a higher level of care for medically necessary reasons
- If the member expires during the coverage time frame

If a member initiates their own discharge (leaves of their own accord prior to 48-hour notice), it must be recorded on the NOMNC form and signed by the member. Or it must be recorded in the member’s medical records that the member initiated their own discharge prior to 48-hour notice/the NOMNC being issued.

[Access the NOMNC form.](#)