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To: Hospice OSHPD ALIRTS Account Administrator  
And Other Interested Parties

**Re: Hospice Technical Letter No. 1**

This is the first in a series of technical letters developed by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) regarding the requirements on reporting of the Annual Utilization Reports of Home Health Agencies and Hospices. The purpose of these letters is to provide timely information to assist you in meeting these requirements.

**HOSPICE UTILIZATION (Section 8)  
Discharged Hospice Patients, Visits and Patient Days by Diagnosis**

This section collects the number of patients being discharged during the calendar year reported regardless of the payment source. These patients were admitted for hospice care under the principal diagnosis listed. The ICD-9-CM codes are provided only as a guide. We have not included the ICD-9-CM codes for post-operation conditions for heart, lung, kidney and liver. However, if patients were admitted under these post-op conditions and were being discharged later, please include these patients in the count for visits and total days of care in the 2008 report.

If you have any questions please call me at (916) 326-3841.

Sincerely,

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