



NPHI Statement Regarding the Potential Impact of the Most Favored Nation Policy

The National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation (NPHI) strongly believes the Medicare hospice benefit should be structured and financed to ultimately enable the delivery of all services and items related to a patient's terminal diagnosis. We recognize that in very rare cases it may be necessary for a patient to seek a particular item or service from outside of the benefit due to its "unrelated" nature. When this occurs due to a drug's unrelated classification and a patient seeks coverage through Part D, we believe that patients should have access to the full scope of proven and innovative treatments available within the United States. However, we are concerned that the unintended consequences of the Administration's recently published Executive Order regarding the Most Favored Nation policy would instead limit access to these treatments.

NPHI's vision is to ensure that every person experience exceptional care that matches their goals, values, and preferences during the last stages of life. The current system of complex coverage rules and determinations unfortunately creates rare situations in which patients must seek coverage for their care in a fragmented pattern outside of the hospice benefit. We ultimately wish to see patients experience a seamless continuum of care that is enabled by innovative funding and coverage structures. However, until we reach this goal and under current coverage structures, we strongly encourage the Administration to maintain access to all proven forms of innovative treatments.