



# State COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Flexibilities Phase-Out

## Health Facilities Licensing & Certification Hospice Documentation Flexibilities Expire

### **New Medical Record Documentation**

**Effective August 1, 2021**, providers must resume **new** hospice clinical progress notes documentation.

### **Existing Delayed Medical Record Documentation**

**Effective November 1, 2021**, providers must complete all hospice clinical progress documentation that was postponed during the state COVID-19 disaster declaration.

### **Questions?**

Contact Medicaid Program Integrity at [dhcs.hflc@alaska.gov](mailto:dhcs.hflc@alaska.gov).

### **History**

To allow staff to focus on patient care and to reduce administrative burdens as patient loads increased due to COVID-19, DHSS suspended the timeframe for hospice clinical progress notes to be incorporated into the clinical record, 7 AAC 12.339(c). With the expiration of the state disaster declaration, this regulatory suspension also expires. To ensure that providers and the state can fully address any issues and re-establish normal operations, a transition period is being implemented with full compliance required effective November 1, 2021.