

(h) *Loss of entitlement to Medicare benefits.* (1) *Loss of entitlement to Part A benefits.* If an enrollee loses entitlement to benefits under Part A of Medicare but remains entitled to benefits under Part B, the enrollee automatically continues as a Medicare enrollee of the HMO or CMP and is entitled to receive and have payment made for Part B services, beginning with the month immediately following the last month of his or her entitlement to Part A benefits.

(2) *Loss of entitlement to Part B benefits.* If a Medicare enrollee loses entitlement to Part B benefits, the HMO or CMP must disenroll him or her as a Medicare enrollee effective with the month following the last month of entitlement to Part B benefits. However, the HMO or CMP may continue to enroll the individual under its regular plan if the individual so chooses.

(i) *Death of the enrollee.* Disenrollment is effective with the month following the month of death.

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§ 417.461 Disenrollment by the enrollee.

(a) *Request for disenrollment.* (1) A Medicare enrollee who wishes to disenroll may at any time give the HMO or CMP a signed, dated request in the form and manner prescribed by HCFA.

(2) The enrollee may request a certain disenrollment date but it may be no earlier than the first day of the month following the month in which the HMO or CMP receives the request.

(b) *Responsibilities of the HMO or CMP.* The HMO or CMP must—

(1) Submit a disenrollment notice to HCFA promptly;

(2) Provide the enrollee with a copy of the request for disenrollment; and

(3) In the case of a risk HMO or CMP, also provide the enrollee with a statement explaining that he or she—

(i) Remains enrolled until the effective date of disenrollment; and

(ii) Until that date, is subject to the restrictions of § 417.448(a) under which neither the HMO or CMP nor HCFA pays for services not provided or arranged for by the HMO or CMP.

(c) *Effect of failure to submit disenrollment notice to HCFA promptly.* If

the HMO or CMP fails to submit timely the correct and complete notice required in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, the HMO or CMP must reimburse HCFA for any capitation payments received after the month in which payments would have ceased if the requirement had been met timely.

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§ 417.464 End of HCFA's liability for payment: Disenrollment of beneficiaries and termination or default of contract.

(a) *Effect of disenrollment: General rule.* (1) HCFA's liability for monthly capitation payments to the HMO or CMP generally ends as of the first day of the month following the month in which disenrollment is effective, as shown on HCFA's records.

(2) Disenrollment is effective no earlier than the month immediately after, and no later than the third month after, the month in which HCFA receives the disenrollment notice in acceptable form.

(b) *Effect of disenrollment: Special rules.* (1) *Fraud or abuse by the enrollee.* If disenrollment is on the basis of fraud committed or abuse permitted by the enrollee, HCFA's liability ends as of the first day of the month in which disenrollment is effective.

(2) *Loss of entitlement to Part B benefits.* If disenrollment is on the basis of loss of entitlement to Part B benefits, HCFA's liability ends as of the first day of the month following the last month of Part B entitlement.

(3) *Death of enrollee.* If the enrollee dies, HCFA's liability ends as of the first day of the month following the month of death.

(4) *Disenrollment at enrollee's request.* If disenrollment is in response to the enrollee's request, HCFA's liability ends as of the first day of the month following the month of termination requested by the enrollee.

(c) *Effect of termination or default of contract.* (1) *Termination of contract.* If the contract between HCFA and the HMO or CMP is terminated by mutual consent or by unilateral action of either party, HCFA's liability for payments ends as of the first day of the month after the last month for which the contract is in effect.