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Emergency Medicaid Payment for Hospice Care
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The Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State requests the inclusion of hospice in Emergency Medicaid. New York State’s Medicaid for the Treatment of an Emergency Medical Condition, also called Emergency Medicaid, helps eligible, undocumented and temporary immigrant New Yorkers pay for medical costs when an individual needs immediate medical attention for a serious health issue. Serious health issues include conditions like a heart attack or severe pain that could lead to a dangerous health outcome without medical help. Hospice provides care to seriously ill and terminal patients who may qualify for Emergency Medicaid. However, currently hospice is not a covered service. Therefore, the only option available for an individual eligible for Emergency Medicaid who is terminally ill would be in a hospital setting. Most people want to go home, or to a hospice residence. Hospice care would both improve the quality of the remaining days, and provide a more appropriate environment for the patient while also saving Medicaid dollars.

OUR ASK:
Include Hospice Care as an approved reason for Emergency Medicaid Payment.

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