

FY 2021 Hospice Wage Index Final Rule

What We Wanted vs. What We Got

What We Wanted	Did We Get What We Wanted?
Delay new election statement and addendum requirements	No: requirements apply for elections beginning October 1, 2020
Do not characterize addendum as condition of payment (or at least establish standards for repayment impact)	No: addendum is a regulatory condition of payment, no standards established, and repayment impact largely unclear
Issue guidance on use of patient/rep electronic signatures	No: CMS defers to Medicare contractors
Issue guidance on patient/rep refusal to sign addendum	No
Remove non-required content from CMS model forms	YES
Make additional modifications to CMS model forms to reduce “user error” and create operational efficiencies	No