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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2367

**SUBJECT: Modifications to the Health Care Eligibility Benefit Response (271) and Direct Data Entry (DDE) Screens for Home Health Agencies and Hospice Providers**

This Program Memorandum (PM) provides instructions for fiscal intermediaries and their standard systems, and the Common Working File (CWF) regarding additional information that will be added to the 271 response and to the DDE screens that home health agencies and hospice providers will receive. The basic data set received by hospitals and skilled nursing facilities will not change. These data elements are listed in Transmittal No. A-02-029, Change Request 2111, dated April 17, 2002.

The following modifications will be made to the DDE screens:

The ELGH HOSP (hospice) screen will be changed to include the provider number and intermediary number for each hospice period.

The ELGH HHEH (home health) screen will be changed to include provider number, intermediary number, patient status, and cancel indicator for each spell.

The following modifications will be made to the 271 response:

The 271 response will be changed for hospice data to include the provider number and intermediary number for each hospice period.

The 271 response will be changed for home health to include the provider number, intermediary number, patient status and cancel indicator for each spell.

Modifications will also be made to the CWF data flow documentation located on the following Web site: [www.cms.hhs.gov/medicare/edi/edi3.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicare/edi/edi3.asp).

**The *effective date* for this PM is October 1, 2002.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2004.**

**Medicare contractor questions concerning this PM may be directed to Jean Gross, (410) 786-6159, or e-mail [Jgross3@CMS.HHS.GOV](mailto:Jgross3@CMS.HHS.GOV).**

**Any provider, clearinghouse or other vendor questions related to this PM should be directed to their servicing Medicare carrier.**