

## Hospice Meds: Cycle vs. Non-cycle

- **Cycle Meds:** Routine medications come one time monthly with a 28-day supply, this way you receive 4 full weeks of a medication for your resident/patient
- **Non-Cycle Meds:** Once a resident signs on to Hospice there are certain medications that hospice covers the copay for – these are “hospice-covered medications”
  - Hospice covered medications can only be sent in a 15-day supply per insurance
  - Medications that are hospice-covered will NOT be sent with cycle meds, as they are non-cycle, the MUST BE REQUESTED
- Update: Due to increased concerns with hospice residents running out of medications and confusion with some medications being sent in cycle and some not – **ALL HOSPICE COVERED MEDICATIONS NEED TO BE ORDERED ON-DEMAND and will not be included in cycle.** They will be sent in 31-day blister packs with a quantity of 15 (or 14), which should indicate to staff that they will need to reorder when low.
- Recommendations: For hospice residents, have your facility’s med tech/caregivers indicate on the card when there are 3-4 days remaining in order for them to pull stickers and fax over a refill request so that they are received before the resident runs out of medications
- *Hospice-covered medications should include any medications a patient may need for pain and symptom management related to the terminal condition.* Each individual hospice can let you know what will and will not be considered “hospice-covered.” (per [www.medicareinteractive.org](http://www.medicareinteractive.org))