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<b>Pub 100-02 Medicare Benefit Policy</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
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**Transmittal 12516 issued February 22, 2024, is being rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 12589, dated April 19, 2024, to revise the policy section and Chapter 9 of the Medicare Benefit Policy manual to add the following language to Section 60 - Provision of Hospice Services to Medicare/Veteran's Eligible Beneficiaries: The verbiage "Veteran's eligible beneficiaries" should be replaced with "dually eligible veterans (i.e., eligible for both Medicare and Veterans benefits)". As such, the sentence, "However, this does not preclude Veteran's eligible beneficiaries from receiving services not included on the hospice plan of care, and which are furnished and paid under the beneficiary's VA benefits, in addition to Medicare hospice services." should be changed to "However, this does not preclude dually eligible veterans (i.e., eligible for both Medicare and Veterans benefits) from receiving services not included on the hospice plan of care, and which are furnished and paid under the beneficiary's VA benefits, in addition to Medicare hospice services." All other information remains the same.**

**SUBJECT: Manual Updates for Clarification on Services Under the Medicare Hospice Benefit for Dually Eligible Veterans**