

- ❑ **STEP 2:** If the patient is in an MA plan and the hospice election date is on or after January 1, identify the MA contract number and plan benefit package identification information on the MA enrollment card or by using one of the online tools or services in Step 1.

It will look like this: H#####. For example, H1234-001.

- ❑ **STEP 3:** Compare the information from Step 2 with the list of participating plans' information sent to you in November. The list is also on the Model website <https://innovation.cms.gov/media/document/vbid-cy2021-hospice-contact-info-geo>

If this information matches, your patient is in the Model.

- ❑ **STEP 4:** If your patient is in a participating plan, check the billing and claims processes for the specific participating plan.

Please note: Plan contact information has been sent to you and is also available on the Model website. Participating MAOs in your service area will also be reaching out to you with billing information.

- ❑ **STEP 5:** Submit all notices and hospice claims to both your MAC and the participating MAO.

For assistance in triaging any issues or questions with billing, please contact your patient's MAO, your local MAC, or CMS at VBID@CMS.HHS.gov.

For more information, visit <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/vbid-hospice-benefit-overview>, or email VBID@CMS.HHS.gov.