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THE HOSPICE ADVOCATE OFFERS A WEEKLY TIP TO ASSIST LMHPCO'S PROVIDERS.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Continuous care is provided when there is need " to manage an acute medical crisis as necessary to maintain the individual at home", i.e., titration of pain medication. Once the patient's acute situation has subsided continuous care should cease. A physician order is required for initiation and discontinuing of continuous care. The patient's plan of care should be updated to reflect the crisis at hand.

Within the perimeters of the regulatory requirements the hospice agency should develop its policy and procedures for providing continuous care.

Medicare Benefits Policy Manual, 40.2.1.