

# MEMORANDUM

Texas Department of Human Services \* Long Term Care/Policy

**TO:** LTC-R Regional Directors  
Section/Unit Managers

**FROM:** Marc Gold  
Section Manager  
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State Office MC: W-519

**SUBJECT:** Regional Survey & Certification Letter #00-06

**DATE:** February 8, 2000

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The attached RS&C Letter is being provided to you for information purposes and should be shared with all professional staff.

- RS&C Letter No. 00-06 - Deemed Hospices; Call Marcia Bowen, RN, MS, Clinical Consultant, HCSSA, at (512) 834-6647.

If you have any questions, please direct inquiries to the individuals or sections listed above.

~Original Signature on File~

Marc Gold

Attachment

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Health Care Financing Administration**

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Region VI  
1301 Young Street, Room 833  
Dallas, Texas 75202

February 4, 2000

REGIONAL SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTER NO: 00-06

To: All State Survey Agencies (Information)  
All Title XIX Single State Agencies (Information)

Subject: Deemed Hospices

HCFA Central Office just released a list of hospices which have been deemed as meeting Medicare's Conditions of Participation for Hospice through accreditation with either the Joint Commission For Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) or with Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP). There are no hospice facilities in Region VI which are on this list. However, some hospices may be granted deemed status at a later time. The earliest date that deemed status is available to CHAP accredited hospices is July 19, 1999. The earliest date that deemed status is available to JCAHO accredited hospices is September 16, 1999.

At the current time there is no way to indicate which hospices are deemed in OSCARs. HCFA Central Office plans to add this indicator in the next update of OSCAR. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (214) 767-4422.

Sincerely,

~Signature on File~

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Health Insurance Specialist