INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2000-03

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TO: ALL MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE AGENCIES

FROM: LORETTA TODD, R.N., Interim Chief

Bureau of Facility Standards

SUBJECT: HOSPICE AGENCY - DEEMED STATUS

This is to advise you of the Health Care Financing Administration=s (HCFA) recent decision to grant deemed status to hospices that have been determined to be approved by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO).

Enclosed is a copy of information provided by HCFA dated August 17, 1999. If a hospice agency is interested in pursuing deemed status, please send our office a letter and include a copy of the accreditation approval letter from the JCAHO that would indicate the accreditation period.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Creswell, Supervisor, Non-Long Term Care Section, at (208) 334-6626 or via e-mail at creswsa@mmis.state.id.us.

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