

**§418.64(d) Counseling services must include, but are not limited to, the following:**

**(1) Bereavement counseling. The hospice must:**

- (i) Have an organized program for the provision of bereavement services furnished under the supervision of a qualified professional with experience or education in grief or loss counseling.**
- (ii) Make bereavement services available to the family and other individuals in the bereavement plan of care up to 1 year following the death of the patient. Bereavement counseling also extends to residents of a SNF/NF or ICF/MR when appropriate and identified in the bereavement plan of care.**

- (iii) Ensure that bereavement services reflect the needs of the bereaved.**
- (iv) Develop a bereavement plan of care that notes the kind of bereavement services to be offered and the frequency of service delivery. A special coverage provision for bereavement counseling is specified in §418.204(c).**

#### **Interpretive Guidelines §418.64(d)(1)**

The supervisor of bereavement services may be the IDG social worker or other professional with documented evidence of experience or education in grief or loss counseling.

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