

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Compliance: Publicly Traded Chain Under The Microscope -- Again

#### DOJ probes Amedisys, this time over hospice.

The feds are combining two of their favorite investigation targets □ hospice patients and publicly traded home care companies.

Baton Rouge, La.-based **Amedisys Inc.** received a subpoena from the **Department of Justice** on May 21, it says in a **Securities and Exchange Commission** filing. "The Subpoena requests the delivery of information regarding 53 identified hospice patients to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts," the company says in its May 28 filing. "It also requests the delivery of documents relating to the Company's hospice clinical and business operations and related compliance activities." The subpoena covers the period from Jan. 1, 2011, through the present.

Amedisys settled charges of improper billing for \$150 million just last year. Those billing violations "were the alleged result of management pressure on nurses and therapists to provide care based on the financial benefits to Amedisys, rather than the needs of patients," the DOJ said in a statement at the time.