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Hospice News: Auditors Examine Hospice Billing In 2 States

GIP, election statements catch reviewers' eye.

The feds continue their scrutiny of hospice care, this time in Medicaid. And the findings indicate the heat won't let up on this area any time soon.

In one report, the **HHS Office of Inspector General** found Rhode Island overpaid **Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island** for General Inpatient (GIP) care for about \$28,000 of the \$292,000 the hospice received for GIP. Reasons for downgrading the services to routine hospice care included insufficient documentation to prove an increase in pain and symptom management to the hospice losing the chart altogether, the OIG says in the report at <http://go.usa.gov/DECC>.

In another report, the OIG found that 52 of 120 sampled claims from 42 hospices didn't meet election statement standards. The statements didn't include required language, the OIG says in the report at <http://go.usa.gov/DdFd>.