

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Hospice News: Benchmark Yourself With This LOS Data

Want to see where you stack up against your peers when it comes to non-cancer lengths of stay for hospice patients? HHH MAC **Palmetto GBA** has posted its NCLOS data for the first half of 2012 on its website.

**For example:** Alzheimer's is the "policy" with the longest LOS by far -- an average of 223 days in Palmetto's 16 states, compared to a 165-day average LOS for ALS, the policy with the next-longest length. The policy with the shortest average LOS is renal with 38 days.

To access Palmetto's NCLOS data, which is broken out by policy, region, and state, go to [www.PalmettoGBA.com/hhh](http://www.PalmettoGBA.com/hhh). Select "Hospice" under the "Articles" section in the left column, and click on the "Non-Cancer Length of Stay (NCLOS) Rates: January 1 - June 30, 2011" link in the list of articles. Note the PDF files at the end of the article that contain the data.