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Hospice News: Class Action Settlement For Nursing Home Patients Benefits California Hospice

Poor behavior on the part of a nursing home chain has resulted in a boon for one hospice.

A class action lawsuit brought on behalf of 32,000 residents of **Skilled Healthcare** nursing facilities resulted in a \$677 million verdict against the nursing home chain, reports the Eureka, Calif., Times-Standard newspaper. The parties then settled the case before the jury heard evidence about punitive damages.

Skilled Healthcare gave \$300,000 of the settlement to **Hospice of Humboldt**, the newspaper reports. The hospice, which served more than 580 patients last year, will put the funds toward building an inpatient facility, it told the Times-Standard.