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Hospice News: COVID-19 Hiatus From PEPPER Reports Is Over

New format contains the same info.

Free benchmarking data from 2019 is now at hospices' fingertips.

Hospice Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Reports with statistics through September 2019 are available for download at <https://pepper.cbrpepper.org/Training-Resources/Hospices>.

Tip: To authenticate access, "a patient control number (UB-04 form locator 03a) or medical record number (UB-04 form locator 03b) from a claim for a traditional Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiary with a claim 'from' or 'through' date between July 1 - Sept. 30, 2019, will be required," PEPPER contractor **RELI Group** says in a message to providers.



The PEPPER report has a "new and improved format" that includes the same data and information in a way that "includes greater accessibility, cleaner presentation, and improved readability," the contractor says. Learn more about the new format via a webinar at <https://pepper.cbrpepper.org/Training-Resources/Hospices/New-PEPPER-Format>.

The hospice PEPPERs were originally supposed to come out in April.