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Hospice News: DC-Area Hospice Shells Out \$3.1 Million Settlement

Feds cite ineligible patients and faulty documentation.

Hospice and palliative care provider **Capital Caring** in Falls Church, Virginia, has agreed to settle overbilling charges for \$3.1 million, the **Department of Justice** says in a release.

Overpayments resulted from billing for ineligible patients or for patients whom the hospice's documentation did not support, according to the release.

"Capital Caring cooperated fully with the review of certain hospice records for services furnished during that time period - 4 to 9 years ago," the hospice says in a release shared with **Eli**. "This finalized resolution avoids protracted and expensive litigation over disagreements related to hospice records and was resolved without any allegations of fraudulent billing."

The CEO at the time of the questionable billings, **Malene Davis**, stepped down from **Capital Caring** and Arthurdale, West Virginia-based **WV Caring** in July 2018 following allegations she'd bullied employees and spent company money lavishly on herself and her leadership circle, The Dominion Post newspaper reported last summer.