

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Hospice News: Double-Check You Are No Longer Operating Under Certain Waivers

Inpatient hospices need to make sure they're in compliance with Medicare regulations as some COVID-19 blanket waivers ended earlier this month.

**Reminder:** In an April 7 memo to State Survey Agencies, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services noted it planned to eliminate certain "emergency declaration blanket waivers" for inpatient hospices and other facilities like skilled nursing facilities and hospitals.



For inpatient hospices, that means the affected waivers ended on June 6, note attorney **Conor O. Duffy** and legal intern **Erin Howard** at law firm Robinson+Cole in Hartford, Conn. The waivers include those related to provisions on Life Safety Code Facility and Medical Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance (ITM) and Outside Windows and Doors, Duffy and Howard note in online analysis.

See the six-page memo at [www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-22-15-nh-nltc-lsc.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-22-15-nh-nltc-lsc.pdf).