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Hospice News: Download Latest PEPPER Reports With New Benchmarks

Free training available from PEPPER contractor later this month.

You can take a look at the most recent set of benchmarks in your hospice PEPPER report for the last quarter of 2015, PEPPER contractor **TMF Health Quality Institute** says. TMF posted the reports April 11, about a week ahead of schedule.

Reminder: This version of the report contains new benchmarks addressing live discharges, diagnosis coding, and General Inpatient (GIP)/Continuous Home Care (CHC).

Tip: To download the report, you'll need a new validation code □ a patient control number or medical record number from a claim for a traditional Medicare FFS beneficiary with a "from" or "through" date in Sept. 1-30, 2015, the contractor says. More information is at www.pepperresources.org.

And TMF will furnish an educational program on the reports on April 28, or you can listen to an archived recording of the session starting May 13, the contractor says in a release. Information on how to access the session is at www.pepperresources.org/Training-Resources/Hospices in the right column.