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Hospice News: Find Out About HEART Delay In Upcoming Forum

Medicare is moving forward with its hospice patient assessment tool, even if that progress is not on the originally proposed timeline.

Reminder: In the 2019 final rule for hospice payment and a July Open Door Forum, the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** indicated it was pulling back on its plan to conduct a second, larger pilot test of the Hospice Evaluation and Assessment Reporting Tool this fall.

Now CMS has announced the details of its Sept. 26 Special Open Door Forum to "provide a status update" on HEART and take questions, according to a forum notice. The forum is part of CMS's effort to capture "significant interaction between CMS and stakeholders" over the tool, according to the HEART webpage.

A link to the forum notice with dial-in information is in the "Downloads" box at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/HEART.html.