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Hospice News: HOPE Beta Testing To Begin This Fall

The Hospice Outcomes & Patient Evaluation assessment tool will soon be one step closer to implementation.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is planning to start beta testing the HOPE tool this October.

The beta test is "the final testing phase to confirm HOPE assessment item reliability and validity," CMS says in an announcement recruiting hospices to perform the testing. CMS plans to include about 34 Medicare-certified hospice providers, with eight to nine in each of the four Census geographic regions - Northeast, Midwest, West, and South, the announcement indicates.



"We are seeking a mix of hospices with a range of characteristics including hospices of all sizes (small, medium, and large), ownership (profit, nonprofit), and rurality (urban, rural, both)," CMS says. "Our goal is to include hospices that provide care for a wide range of patient populations, including people with cancer and noncancer diagnoses, for example."

More details are at www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-hope-beta-test-recruitment-announcement-may-2021.pdf.