

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Hospice News: Hospice Owner Draws Years Of Jail Time For GIP Upcoding

The feds have their eye on hospice upcoding. The owner of a hospice in Muscle Shoals, Ala., has pled guilty to Medicare fraud and received a prison sentence of 28 months. He also must forfeit nearly \$3.2 million to the government.

Jackie Randolph Gist caused **Good Samaritan Hospice USA Inc.** to submit claims for General Inpatient Care when GSH actually provided routine home care, says the **U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama**. "As a result of the scheme, GSH received reimbursements from Medicare totaling \$4,108,924 when, if the correct code had been used, GSH would have been reimbursed \$916,639," the release explains.

"This office will not tolerate such fraud and remains committed to aggressively prosecuting individuals and companies that seek to steal from government programs," U.S. Attorney **Joyce White Vance** says in the release.