

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Hospice News: Hospice Owner Gets 5-Year Prison Sentence

A Georgia hospice owner has been sentenced to five years probation and ordered to pay more than \$10,000 in restitution and a fine for Medicaid fraud.



"After allegations of improper billing were received by the Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, investigators began to review the ... flight records spanning two years" of Helping Hearts Hospice CEO and owner **Nourolzaman Tucker**, Georgia Attorney General **Chris Carr** says in a release. "These records revealed that Tucker frequently took flights out of the country on dates that the defendant claimed she had personally provided hospice care here in Georgia. Investigators also discovered an intentional pattern of overlapping billing and intentional overbilling, whereas drive time was not accounted for in billing between patients' homes," according to the AG.

"Medicaid providers are expected to follow accurate and honest accounting practices, and those who choose to exploit this system will be held accountable," Carr says in the release.