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Hospice News: Hospice Owner Pleads Guilty To GIP-Related Fraud

The founder of now-shuttered **Passages Hospice** in Lisle, Ill., had pleaded guilty to Medicare fraud. Under owner **Seth Gillman**, Passages billed Medicare for medically unnecessary General Inpatient care and kept ineligible patients on service, sometimes for years.

Former Passages nursing director **Carmen Velez** has also pleaded guilty in the case. Velez admitted to altering patient records to reflect a need for GIP before audit, according to press reports.