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Hospice News: It's Business As Usual Again For Hospice Cap Assessments

Hospices' vacation from cap-related overpayments is over. The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** has sent a directive to HHH Medicare Administrative Contractors to resume calculating hospice cap amounts and assessing overpayments when applicable, reports the **National Association for Home Care & Hospice**. CMS also told MACs to inform hospices about the cap calculation methodology, and several contractors already have done so.

For example: "All hospice aggregate cap calculations shall be calculated using the patient-by-patient proportional methodology for cap year ending on October 31, 2012, and all subsequent years," explains HHH MAC **CGS** in its message to hospices sent May 17. "Hospices that are under the streamlined method and have not appealed their cap determinations may elect a one-time option to remain under the streamlined method."