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Hospice News: MAC Adds New Hospice Topic To Its Medical Review Hit List

Hospices aren't just taking a beating in the popular press for high rates of live discharges. Now their claims are under the microscope for that reason — at least at one contractor.

In its most recent list of active medical review topics, Medicare Administrative Contractor **Palmetto GBA** adds "Live Discharges" to its list of hospice areas for active medical review. Palmetto also adds the general "Hospice Services" topic to its preexisting focus area of "Hospice Services in SNF" as designated with a Q5004 code.

See the list of active medical reviews at www.palmettogba.com/medicare — click on "J11 MAC Home Health and Hospice" in the left column; choose "General" under the "Medical Review" link in the left column; then click on the "Active Medical Reviews" link in the article listing.