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Hospice News: No Data Compliance Equals Pay Cut

You should have received a letter this month informing you whether you'll see a pay cut in 2017 for failing to comply with Hospice Item Set and/or CAHPS data submission requirements last year.

"CMS is mailing notifications to hospices that are not in compliance with Hospice Quality Reporting requirements," the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** said in a June 21 email to providers. "All notifications will be mailed by June 29."

CMS used HIS and CAHPS data submission stats from calendar year 2015 to calculate whether your 2017 Medicare payment rates will be docked 2 percent, the agency explained. "If you receive a notice of non-compliance, you have the opportunity to submit a request for reconsideration on quality data submissions affecting your FY 2017 APU," CMS added. Instructions for the request process are in the letter.