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Hospice News: OIG Announces \$2 Million Amedisys Hospice Settlement

After the \$150 million settlement with the **Department of Justice that Amedisys Inc.** agreed to last fall, a \$2 million settlement with the **HHS Office of Inspector General** over hospice practices may seem like small potatoes.

"After it self-disclosed conduct to OIG, Amedisys, Inc. (Amedisys), West Virginia, agreed to pay \$1,974,812.00 for allegedly violating the Civil Monetary Penalties Law," the OIG says in a new post on its "False and Fraudulent Claims" website. The OIG alleges that Amedisys wholly-owned subsidiaries **Amedisys Hospice of Parkersburg** and **Amedisys Hospice in St. Clairsville** "submitted claims for hospice services for which the certification documents did not meet Federal health care program requirements."

Details: "OIG contends the contracted medical directors at Amedisys-Parkersburg and Amedisys- St. Clairsville pre-signed blank medical forms, including certificates of terminal illness and face-to-face visit forms, which were later completed by Amedisys staff members," the OIG continues.