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Hospice News: OIG Puts Spotlight On Hospice-Nursing Home Fraud

The **HHS Office of Inspector General** takes hospices to task for low overpayment collection rates in its latest semiannual report to Congress. The rate for home health agencies and hospices combined is only 11 percent, the OIG recently said. That compares to an average 20 percent rate across all Medicare provider types.

The OIG also highlights a hospice-nursing home fraud example in the report. **Genesis Health-care Inc.**, a nursing home company based in California, settled allegations of numerous misdeeds, including submitting hospice claims for ineligible patients.

See the semiannual report at <https://oig.hhs.gov/reports-and-publications/archives/semiannual/2017/sar-fall-2017.pdf>.