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Hospice News: Say Goodbye To ZPICs, PSCs, And MICs, Hello To UPICs

You may have a new set of reviewers looking over your shoulder. CMS has awarded the Northeastern Unified Program Integrity Contractor (UPIC) jurisdiction to **SafeGuard Services**, MAC CGS says on its website.

"The UPIC statement of work combines and integrates the functions of the former Zone Program Integrity Contractor (ZPIC), Program Safeguard Contractor (PSC) and Medicaid Integrity Contractor (MIC) contracts into a single contract," CGS explains. The change should take effect Feb. 1 in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington, D.C.

The Midwestern region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin) switched over to UPIC **AdvanceMed** back in October.