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Hospice News: SNF-Hospice Care Combo Keeps Patients From Dying In Hospitals, Study Finds

A combination of skilled nursing facility and hospice care reduces dementia patients' likelihood to die in a hospital, according to a study by **Susan Miller** of **Brown University**, which was published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

Dementia patients receiving SNF and hospice care concurrently were 78 percent less likely to die in a hospital than those without hospice care, the study found. And patients receiving hospice care following SNF treatment were 98 percent less likely to die in a hospital.

The study's findings may pose a good argument that CMS should repeal the Medicare payment rule prohibiting concurrent hospice and SNF care, states the **Hospice Association of America**