

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Hospice News: Watch Out For This Quality Reporting Deadline

An increased financial penalty related to quality reporting means you should pay special attention to a crucial year-end deadline.

**Reminder:** A hospice that serves fewer than 50 survey-eligible decedents/caregivers in a year is exempt from the CAHPS Hospice Survey requirements. On the other hand, non-exempt hospices that don't submit the required CAHPS data must undergo a 2 percent payment reduction.

The deadline for exemption forms is always Dec. 31. The form and applicable dates are at <https://hospicecahpsurvey.org/en/participation-exemption-for-size/>.



**Watch out:** In 2022, the penalty jumps from 2 percent to 4 percent applied in 2024. "Hospices are strongly encouraged to ensure that they are meeting the submission requirements ... beginning January 1, 2022 in order to avoid this increased penalty," the National Association for Home Care & Hospice urges in its member newsletter. "Hospices should review their Timeliness Compliance Threshold Report now to ensure they meet the 90 percent HIS submission requirement and check the CAHPS Hospice Survey Data Warehouse to ensure their CAHPS vendor is submitting data as required," NAHC says.