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Hospice News: You Can Now Download CAHPS Exemption Form For Small Hospice Providers

Are you small enough to get out of new CAHPS requirements for hospice? If so, you'll need to fill out a survey participation exemption form.

CMS has posted the Participation Exemption for Size Form at www.hospicecahpsurvey.org. Use the form to request exemption from CAHPS Hospice Survey calendar year 2015 data collection and reporting, CMS explains.

You have until Aug. 12 to submit the form, but "hospices are encouraged to submit this form online via the CAHPS Hospice Survey Web site as soon as possible," CMS urges.

Hospices are exempt if they have fewer than 50 survey-eligible decedents/caregivers in CY 2014, notes the **National Association for Home Care & Hospice** in a message to members. "CMS has previously advised that you make sure that your count is accurate (as opposed to estimating your count)," the trade group says.