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Reimbursement: More Changes Come To Hospice Cost Report Form

There are more changes in addition to the instructions issued earlier this summer.

Get ready to revamp the way you fill out your hospice cost report for Medicare.

The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** has issued a new hospice cost report form that has the cost centers renumbered, according to Transmittal No. 9 issued Sept. 21. The change aims to "to avoid duplicate data collection subscripts," notes the **National Association for Home Care & Hospice**.

The revisions are just the latest changes to the hospice cost report form. In June, CMS issued a transmittal instituting the term "inpatient general care costs," and adding a new section to capture the drug, durable medical equipment/oxygen, and medical supply costs relating to inpatient general care services (see Eli's Hospice Insider, Vol. 4, No. 8, p. 54).

The changes are effective for cost reports filed for years ending July 30, 2011, or later.

Note: The transmittal is online at www.cms.gov/Transmittals/2011Trans/list.asp -- scroll down to the "R9P238" entry on Sept. 21.