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Hospice Fraud and Patient Neglect

There’s fraud afoot in hospice billing of Medicare, to the tune of $250 million for in-hospital hospice care. For example, some patients who are not dying have been placed in hospice at the hospital. They left hospice quite alive.

Hospice receives $672 a day from Medicare for patients in hospitals and only $151 a day for those outside of hospitals. Some patients have been badly neglected by hospice. One hospice billed Medicare 17 days for hospital care but never visited the patient. Another patient was hospitalized 16 days for uncontrolled pain but the hospice only changed the pain medication on the last day.
