



Expanded Prepayment Review of Existing Hospices in Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas, Georgia & Ohio



What's Changed?

We added the start dates for expanded prepayment reviews (page 2).

Substantive content changes are in dark red.

CMS conducts expanded prepayment reviews and related activities for existing hospices in Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas, Georgia, and Ohio.

What's the Goal?

The goal is to reduce hospice fraud, waste, and abuse.

Does This Affect Me?

This may affect you if you're an existing hospice provider in the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas, Georgia, or Ohio.

What Type of Expanded Prepayment Review Will You Perform?

To help reduce the burden on compliant providers, we're keeping the initial review volumes low and adjusting them based on the results. If you're noncompliant, we may continue to review or take additional administrative actions.

How Will You Notify Me?

If we place you under review, we'll mail you a letter, which includes:

- A notice of the review.
- Claims selected for review. If you don't respond to our requests, we may deny claims or revoke your Medicare enrollment.

When Did the Expanded Prepayment Review Start?

Expanded prepayment reviews started on September 17, 2024, in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas. We added Georgia and Ohio on December 30, 2025.

Will Every Hospice Have the Same Start Date?

No. We'll review hospices at various intervals.

Can You Perform Medical Reviews on Other Hospices?

Yes. We can conduct medical reviews to prevent improper payments in other states or, as necessary, based on aberrant billing behaviors.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Review our [hospice](#) information. If you have questions, contact your [Medicare Administrative Contractor](#) or email MedicareMedicalReview@cms.hhs.gov.

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