



Period of Enhanced Oversight for New Hospices in Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas, Georgia & Ohio



What's Changed?

We added Georgia and Ohio to the provisional period of enhanced oversight (page 2).

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CMS is placing newly enrolling hospices located in Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas, **Georgia**, **and Ohio** in a provisional period of enhanced oversight. We received numerous reports of hospice fraud, waste, and abuse. The number of enrolled hospices has increased significantly in these states, raising serious concerns about market oversaturation.

What's the Goal?

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

Am I Considered a New Hospice?

For the period of enhanced oversight, new hospices include those:

- Newly enrolling in the Medicare Program
- Submitting a change of ownership that meets all the regulatory requirements under [42 CFR 489.18](#)
- Undergoing a 100% ownership change that doesn't fall under 42 CFR 489.18
- Reactivating after being in a deactivated status

Does This Affect Me?

You may be affected if you:

- Got final approval for Medicare enrollment on or after July 13, 2023
- Started the enrollment or certification process before July 13, 2023, but haven't received a final approval letter from your [Medicare Administrative Contractor](#)
- Got approval on a change of ownership request on or after July 13, 2023

What Type of Enhanced Oversight Will You Perform?

The provisional period of enhanced oversight includes medical review of hospice claims, such as prepayment review.

How Will You Notify Me?

If we're placing you in a period of enhanced oversight, we'll mail a letter to the correspondence address on file in PECOS. It will include:

- Your effective date for the enhanced oversight period.
- The duration of the enhanced oversight period.
- A notice that we may do a medical review of all your claims. If you don't respond to our requests, we may deny claims or revoke your Medicare enrollment.

When Did the Hospice Provisional Period of Enhanced Oversight Start?

The provisional period of enhanced oversight started July 13, 2023.

Will Every Hospice in a Period of Enhanced Oversight Have the Same Start Date?

No. Each hospice will have an individual effective date—on or after July 13, 2023—in their final approval letter related to their recent enrollment application.

How Long Will a Hospice Stay in a Period of Enhanced Oversight?

A period of enhanced oversight can last 30 days – 1 year.

Can You Perform Medical Reviews on a Hospice That's No Longer in a Period of Enhanced Oversight?

Yes. We can conduct medical reviews after the provisional period of enhanced oversight ends under section 1833(e) of the [Social Security Act](#).

Where Can I Get More Information?

If you have questions, email ProvisionalPeriod@cms.hhs.gov.

Resources

- [Revocation of Enrollment in the Medicare Program](#) (42 CFR 424.535)
- Section 1866(j)(3) of the [Social Security Act](#)

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