

# Strengthening Medicare Hospice Oversight

## Provisional Period of Enhanced Oversight (PPEO) vs. Expanded Prepayment Review (EPR)

### PPEO of New Hospice Providers

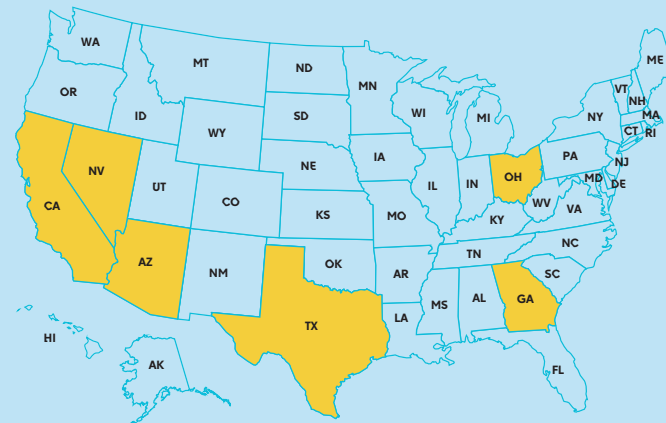
**Who**

**Providers who are**

- Newly enrolled 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

**What**

- 100% of PPEO provider claims will be audited for a period of time
- Timeframe is dependent upon the medical review findings
- Non-compliant providers will be referred to CMS for further action
- Non-compliant providers may continue with additional audits or in some cases proceed to revocation



### EPR of Existing Hospice Providers

**Who**

**Providers who are**

- Existing hospice providers enrolled in Medicare

**What**

- Provider claims will be selected and audited
- Providers may be subject to 100% prepayment review based on initial review findings
- Non-compliant providers will be referred to CMS for further action
- Non-compliant providers may continue with additional audits or in some cases proceed to revocation

### Both PPEO and EPR

**Why**

We received numerous reports of hospice fraud, waste, and abuse.

**Where**

**For both programs**

- Arizona, California, Nevada- overseen by WellPoint Federal, previously known as NGS (Jurisdiction 6)
- Georgia, Ohio, Texas- overseen by Palmetto (Jurisdiction M)