

## HAVE YOU ACCESSED HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE PEPPERS?

The current release (version Q4FY16) of the PEPPER for hospices has been available for download through the PEPPER Resources Portal since mid – April 2017.

The new release (version Q4CY16) of the Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report (PEPPER) for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) has been available for download through the PEPPER Resources Portal since mid-July 2017.

Have you obtained your PEPPER(s)? If you haven't, the Chief Executive Officer, President, Administrator or Compliance Officer should:

1. Review the [Secure PEPPER Access Guide](#)
2. Review the instructions and obtain the information required to authenticate access, which includes a **medical record number or patient control number from a Medicare fee-for-services claim (“from” or “through” date) between July 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016 for hospices; between October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016 for HHAs).**
3. Visit the [PEPPER Resources Portal](#)
4. Complete the [PEPPERresources.org](#) access form

### About PEPPER

PEPPER is an educational tool that summarizes provider-specific data statistics for Medicare services that may be at risk for improper payments. Providers can use the data to support internal auditing and monitoring activities. Visit [PEPPERresources.org](#) to access resources for using PEPPER, including user's guides, recorded web-based training sessions, sample PEPPERS, and provider success stories. PEPPER is distributed by TMF® Health Quality Institute under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Do you have questions or comments about PEPPER or need help obtaining your report? Visit our [Help Desk](#) to request assistance with PEPPER. Provide your feedback or suggestions regarding PEPPER through our [feedback form](#).