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Hospice (Medicare) in Mississippi (2018)

- Beneficiaries Served: 19,969
- Average Daily Census: 4,372
- Mean Length of Stay: 80 days
- Average Length of Stay: 31 days
- Routine Home Care: 1,577,175 days
- Inpatient Care: 20,089 days
- Medicare Payments: $231,971,164
End of Life in Mississippi (2017)

- Total Population: 2,986,530
- Total Deaths: 31,356
- Population 65+: 474,475
- Medicare Beneficiaries: 619,948
- Beneficiaries Deaths: 25,250
- Hospice Admits: 17,601
- Hospice Deaths: 11,411
- Beneficiaries without Hospice: 13,839
- Hospice Admits/Beneficiaries Death: 69.7%
- Hospice Utilization: 45.2%
**MS Medicaid Election Notices**
Medicaid issues

• Duplication of work
• Redundancy
• Difficulty in getting family member to resign every election period
Pediatric Concurrent Care

- ACA mandated Concurrent Care *(i.e., Life Prolonging & Hospice Services)* for any person under the age of 21
- If Supreme Court strikes down ACA, PCC mandate no longer stands
- Growing number of State Legislatures are including PCC into law in order to protect families who are dealing with a seriously ill child:
  - Washington
  - Oregon
  - Utah