

# Arizona Hospice Pays \$3.7 Million to Settle False Billing Claims Under FCA

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An Arizona hospice will pay \$3.7 million to settle claims that it submitted fraudulent bills to Medicare. The case highlights that [False Claims Act fraud](#) allegations can lead to costly liability, particularly for those in the healthcare industry.

Hospice Family Care, Inc. and its co-owners, Nancy Smith and Nancy Turner, allegedly submitted claims for payment to Medicare for patients who were either completely or partially hospice-ineligible or were provided a higher level of hospice care than was necessary or allowable. Under the terms of the settlement, both Smith and Turner agreed to be excluded from Medicare, Medicaid, and all other federal health care programs for seven years, effective immediately.

The [Department of Justice](#) credited new investigatory resources with helping uncover the alleged fraud. “Our agents used sophisticated data analysis techniques to investigate Hospice Family Care’s activities,” said Glenn R. Ferry, Special Agent in Charge of the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services region covering Arizona. “Health providers planning to submit false claims to government programs are warned that investigators will be using these data mining tools alongside traditional techniques to root out fraud.”

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