



# HEART FAILURE AND HOSPICE UTILIZATION

*According to the August 29, 2018 Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Cardiology,*  
**Evidence of under-utilization of hospice includes**

- Only **5% of Advanced Heart Failure patients were discharged to hospice**
- Of those discharged to hospice, **25% die within 3 days**
- **Readmission rates on patient discharged to hospice are 1/8<sup>th</sup> the rate of other settings** (D/C to Hospice – 4.1%; D/C to Other – 27.2%)

*Ensure your patients are getting  
the full benefit provided by hospice*

- Review your hospice utilization rates
- Track hospice utilization by disease
- Track hospice utilization by discharge planner
- Review variances
- Establish best practices and review frequently
- **Use Kindful Hospice™!**