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**THE HOSPICE ADVOCATE OFFERS A WEEKLY TIP TO ASSIST LMHPCO'S PROVIDERS.**

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### **TIP OF THE WEEK**

#### **END STAGE ALZHEIMER'S DEMENTIA PATIENT**

Select a patient with a terminal diagnosis of Alzheimer's Dementia who has been on your service for greater than 180 days. Read clinical notes written two weeks after the patient's admission. Then read the patient's most recent clinical notes. Clinical notes should demonstrate the slow trajectory of the Alzheimer's disease process. As an example the patient was being spoon fed by caregiver when admitted with patient consuming 25% of all meals. Current notes reflect patient only eats 25% of breakfast when spoon fed and it takes an hour to feed the patient.