



Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland

Hosts

“Staying the Course with Medicare Hospice Billing” and “Hospice Clinicians: Top Five Denials & How to Avoid Them”

Presented by:

Cahaba GBA, Tuesday, April 7, 2009

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Workshop Description

TRACK 1 “Staying the Course with Medicare Hospice Billing”

1. Articulate recent hospice changes, including Change Request 5567, discharge for cause, untimely certifications, G8 value code, and the new Advance Beneficiary Notice.
2. Discussion of challenging areas of hospice billing, including canceling elections and benefit periods, transfers and adjustments.
3. A review of available critical hospice resources.
4. Discuss the common hospice billing errors, and provide an understanding of how to prevent the errors.

TRACK 2 “Hospice Clinicians: Top Five Denials & How to Avoid Them”

1. Articulate the most common reasons for Medicare denial of hospice, and how to document to avoid such denials.
2. Discuss and develop an understanding of the medical review process employed by Cahaba GBA.
3. Identify the component of the hospice Local Coverage Determination from Cahaba and how to use the LCD to guide appropriate admissions and recertification's.
4. Discuss and develop an understanding of documentation that would support the medical necessity of all levels of care for hospice services.

SCHEDULE

8:30 - 10:00 AM	<u>Morning Session 1</u>
Track 1	“Staying the Course with Medicare Hospice Billing” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of recent hospice changes
Track 2	“Hospice Clinicians: Top Five Denials & How to Avoid Them” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion of how medical review works and the top denial reasons for hospice service
10:15 - 11:30AM	<u>Morning Session 2</u>
Track 1	“Staying the Course with Medicare Hospice Billing” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging areas of hospice billing
Track 2	“Hospice Clinicians: Top Five Denials & How to Avoid Them” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of a six-month prognosis using the LCD
11:30 - 12:30PM	<u>Lunch</u>
12:30 – 2:00 PM	<u>Afternoon Session 1</u>
Track 1	“Staying the Course with Medicare Hospice Billing” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical hospice resources
Track 2	“Hospice Clinicians: Top Five Denials & How to Avoid Them” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of a six-month prognosis using the LCD (continued)
2:00 - 2:15PM	<u>Break</u>
2:15 - 3:15PM	<u>Afternoon Session 2</u>
Track 1	“Staying the Course with Medicare Hospice Billing” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claim submission error review and prevention tips
Track 2	“Hospice Clinicians: Top Five Denials & How to Avoid Them” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS guidelines for coverage of different levels of care

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

*Hospice Administrators
Clinical Staff
QI Staff
Liaison Nurses
Billing and Financial Officers*

