

Updated Conditions of Participation for Home Health: What You Should Know to Achieve Success | 7-Part Webinar Series

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Description: On February 22nd 2017 the Texas Association for Home Care and Hospice will kick off a series of online seminar trainings that will help your agency prepare for implementation of the largest re-write of the Conditions of Participation (CoPs) since the mid-90s. This recently published rule expands the standards for patient rights, care planning, and care coordination, and includes two new CoPs. These new standards require a quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) program as well as an infection control monitoring and prevention program. The revised HH CoPs go into effect July 13, 2017.

Because these new CoPs will begin being enforced July 13, 2017 and home health agencies must meet these new standards if they hope to participate in the Medicare program, the importance of compliance cannot be overstated. Agencies that fail to meet any of the HH CoPs are at risk of penalties from imposition of sanctions for marginal issues, to program termination for major infractions.

TAHC&H is here to give you the tools to ensure you are successful. We are offering a 7-part webinar series that will review, in detail, the changes to processes and policies that your agency must make to successfully comply with new regulation and avoid penalties.

Objectives:

Part 1 | Feb 22 | Overview of Updated Conditions of Participation: Setting your Priorities

Part 1 of the series will provide agencies with an overview of the revised CoPs, focusing on the changes made to regulation and the rationale behind the changes. These insights will identify which policy and process changes your agency should implement first to ensure compliance and avoid penalties. Substantial organizational changes related to the governing body, Administrator qualifications, and general oversight of management responsibilities related to the provision and oversight of services will be covered. This first workshop will help agencies prioritize their efforts and set out a plan for implementation of updated CoPs.

Part 2 | March 8 | Patient Rights and Assessments

Part 2 will focus on Patient Rights and assessment of patients. The revised patient rights CoP alone covers 6 standards: (1) Notice of rights, (2) Exercise of rights, (3) Rights of the patient, (4) Transfer and discharge, (5) Investigation of complaints, and (6) Accessibility. The new requirements ensure that patients and their caregivers understand their rights using their language of choice, and are provided with written, comprehensive information about the care they will receive. It also creates explicit requirements for patient rights and enhances patient protections.

In addition to retaining existing requirements for patient assessments, CMS will require new content for patient assessments, including a psychosocial and cognitive status assessments.

Part 3 | March 22 | Skilled Professional Services and Home Health Aide Standards

Part 3 will set out expectations for professionals who deliver skilled services to home health patients. The CoP covers 3 areas: (1) Skilled professional services, (2) Responsibilities of skilled professionals, and (3) Supervision of skilled professionals. The home health aide CoPs implement the requirements for an individual to be qualified as a home health aide. It covers 9 standards: (1) Home health aide qualifications, (2) Content and duration of home health aide classroom and supervised practical training, (3) Competency evaluation, (4) In-service training, (5) Qualifications for instructors conducting classroom and supervised practical training, (6) Eligible training and competency evaluation organizations, (7) Home health aide assignments and duties, (8) Supervision of home health aides, and (9) Individuals furnishing Medicaid personal care aide-only services under a Medicaid personal care benefit.

Part 4 | April 12 | Care Planning, Coordination of Services, and Quality

Part 4 will focus on Care Planning, Coordination of Services, and Quality of Care. The new CoPs require home health agencies to provide patients with their personalized plan of care. This plan of care should explain the services and treatments planned to achieve agreed-upon positive outcomes for those problems noted on comprehensive assessment.

The new CoP will also require HHAs to coordinate care between the HHA, the patient's physician, and caregiver to achieve quality outcomes for the patient. Find out what CMS has in mind for these standards.

Part 5 | April 26 | Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement

Part 5 will focus on the QAPI program, which replaces 2 existing CoPs: "Group of a professional personnel" and "Evaluation of the agency's program." The new CoP for Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement will cover 5 standards: (1) Program scope, (2) Program data, (3) Program activities, (4) Performance improvement projects, and (5) Executive responsibilities.

Part 6 | May 17 | Infection Prevention and Control

Part 6 of the series will include 3 standards related to infections: (1) Prevention, (2) Control, (3) and Education. Home health agencies will be expected to maintain surveillance and identify and investigate infectious and communicable diseases among patients. Find out how this standard also integrates with your current licensure rules on infection control.

Part 7 | May 24 | Emergency Preparedness

Part 7, The last part of the series, will include 4 standards related to Emergency Preparedness: (1) Plan development (2) Corresponding policies and procedures (3) Communication plan and (4) Training and testing. This session will also discuss how the CoPs integrate with your agency's current HCSSA licensure expectations and the new Federal Rules related to Emergency Preparedness.

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