

The *Essence* of Documentation: A Two-Part Webinar Series

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In the last decade, there has been a shift in focus from meticulous documentation that demonstrates compliance with the Medicare Conditions of Participation and coverage guidelines to learning all of the complexities of a changing Medicare prospective payment system based on responses to selected OASIS assessment items. But the

recent increased emphasis on accuracy of claims submission and processing means thorough and accurate documentation in our home health records will once again become a major concern.

This two-part webinar series will review the requirements for documentation necessary to support regulatory and reimbursement requirements in home health. In addition, the programs will highlight strategies to meet all of the requirements for documentation while still focusing on the ultimate goal of providing quality home care services.

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March 11, 2010 2:30 pm—4:30 pm EST

Part I: The Essence of Regulatory Home Health Documentation

The Medicare Conditions of Participation provide the basic foundation for many of the documentation requirements in home health. This two hour webinar will discuss the basics of documentation in the regulatory context. From the assessment to the plan of care through implementation of care, coordination of care with all involved parties, and discharge of the patient, documentation is the key to clear communication among all involved. Equally important, it's the means of relating compliance to regulatory and reimbursement surveyors and, thereby, assuring the future of the home health agency.

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the important activities associated with a home health referral
- Identify key components of the comprehensive assessment process
- Describe documentation components related to the plan of care
- Identify the key components in the coordination of home health care delivery
- Describe the purpose and use of the mandatory beneficiary notice

April 8, 2010 2:30 pm—4:30 pm EST

Part II: The Essence of Documentation to Support Medicare Services

Despite the current reimbursement system based on a 60-day episode, all home health records must continue to demonstrate compliance with all of the Medicare eligibility requirements and document services that conform with all of the coverage requirements. The home health clinician who masters these requirements will ensure that any audits of the agency charts will result in clear recognition that the services provided were justified and appropriate under the Medicare home health benefit. Both eligibility and coverage requirements and appropriate documentation to support them will be discussed.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the documentation necessary to support Medicare eligibility for home health services.
- Identify basic requirements for Medicare covered nursing and therapy services
- Describe the concept of documenting to the plan of care to support Medicare coverage

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