

2022 HOSPICE FUNDAMENTALS Subscriber Webinars



Join us on the **second Friday** of the month - plan on about an hour. We'll also record them so you can listen later.



JANUARY 14 *A Day in the Life of a Hospice Medical Review Nurse*

Ever wonder how an auditor reviews your records? In this session, a former Medical Review Nurse will describe, in detail, how your hospice records are reviewed when you have an ADR, or other payment audit. A checklist and hierarchy will be provided- so you can challenge yourself to the test of medical review, before the auditors do!

FEBRUARY 11 *Daily Operations that Reduce Risk!*

This session takes a deeper dive, using the platform we started on last month regarding medical review audits. This month, we will take those standards, and look at how our day-to-day operations can increase your risks in audit, or support your compliance and secure your payment! We will look at everything from intake, to assessments, IDG processes and the discharge plan, and how quality of care and operations will overlap survey and payment. This is a "can't miss session" as we provide the "real world" takeaways that you can start applying at your agency today!

MARCH 11 *Medical Necessity of Physician Visits*

While physician services are indeed separately billable above and beyond the daily hospice care rates, the rules governing these payments are often misunderstood. This in-depth webinar will navigate the underlying requirements of medical necessity when providing these services in hospice. In addition to discussing routine medical services we will explore coupling these services with the Medicare required face-to-face encounter and cover the relevance of Advance Care Planning and other non-traditional coding and billing opportunities.

APRIL 8 *ICD-10 Coding: The Implications of Social Determinants of Health*

Whether hospice or palliative care, diagnosis coding helps to support the medical necessity of your services. As diagnosis coding becomes more important than ever, the code set now includes a growing number of codes describing Social Determinants of Health. We'll start with a short refresher on proper ICD-10 coding and review the expanding list of SDoH 'Z' codes. At the end of this webinar attendees should have an understanding of how diagnosis codes "paint a picture of the patient" to the payer, and the impact SDoH codes play in supporting complexity.

MAY 13 *Wage Index, PEPPER Data and Quality Reporting Updates*

Hospices across the nation eagerly await the Proposed Rule for information on changes to regulatory requirements and reimbursement, and the opportunity to provide comments to CMS. We'll review and discuss the provisions of the proposed rule and, from the musings in the narrative, try to discern what is on the mind of CMS.

CMS provides free benchmarking payment data in the PEPPER report. This year the report features some new metrics. Review the trends in the established data benchmarks, as well as the new data being provided to the industry. It should be noted that this data is used by auditors, including the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) and certainly should be used by all prudent hospices.



Save the Date! **JUNE 16-17** *Summer Conference*

Before you head out on vacation, be sure to catch this conference - FREE for members! We'll be bringing you the latest updates from CMS, as well as a variety of speakers to address all of the facets that prudent hospices have on their radar!

JULY 8 *Tapping Into the Talents of Your Music Therapist*

Hospice Teams can sometimes operate as multi-disciplinary; with nurses doing the lion's share of the team's work, with other team members functioning on a parallel track. This month, we'll be looking at ways that social workers can perform in a truly interdisciplinary manner. Social workers can support the documentation of eligibility, prevent emergency department visits, improve overall family satisfaction and support their team nurses in their roles. We will be identifying strategies for engaging hospice social workers for the benefit of the patient and family, the hospice team and the hospice as an organization.

AUGUST 12 *When The LCDs Don't Do The Trick*

There is certainly an art and a science to prognostication. The MACs have provided some guidelines to all hospices with their Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs). Using these LCDs, whenever it is applicable, to aid in decision making can ensure defensible documentation for terminal prognosis. This session will cover the guidelines, as well as recommendations for creating a culture of compliance, based on the LCDs.

SEPTEMBER 9 *Final Wage Index Follow Up*

CMS brings the final decisions on items proposed for hospices in the proposed rule from this spring, and Hospice Fundamentals brings the recommendations for the prudent hospice for implementation and compliance.

OCTOBER 14 *Hospice Discharge Doors*

Revocation, transfers and discharge determination and documentation.

NOVEMBER 11 *Hospice and Palliative Care Legal Considerations and Updates*

The Hospice OIG reports issued over the past few years as well as concerns regarding patient care and fraud have led to statutory and regulatory changes and increased governmental scrutiny of hospice and palliative programs. This session will address some of the changes that have been made, the current state of governmental auditing and oversight, and what hospices can expect in the future.



Save the Date! **DECEMBER 7-9** *Winter Workshop*

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12PM CENTRAL
11AM MOUNTAIN
10AM PACIFIC**

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