



Optimizing Quality, Compliance and Capacity in Medicare Home Health

July 14-15, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Meadows Events & Conference Center
19 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona (NE Des Moines)

Agenda

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Workshop
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (provided)
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Workshop
4:30 pm	Adjourn

Description

The difference discovered in Iowa home health practice amounts to lower Medicare utilization than the national average in favor of Medicaid and other government funded programs. Such utilization patterns between programs can impact publicly reported quality outcomes because of the differences in program practice models; from length of stay to plans of care. This intensive 2 day workshop begins with a discussion of quality in the context of practice patterns influenced by these program models.

Changing utilization patterns between programs requires a change in perspective and perceptions of program criteria and compliance. The workshop continues highlighting the differences in program criteria that appear to have shaped utilization patterns to date, primarily homebound status.

The next portion of the workshop helps providers operationalize compliance criteria into daily application such as documentation and audit processes. The focus of this section will be on reasonable and cost efficient compliance and quality monitors. Information gained by the Department of Inspection and Appeals will assist providers in Medicare survey readiness.

We will also look to the future of providing services to people in their own homes and the influence by research and policy initiatives might have on our practice utilization.

The workshop will conclude with the metrics and key performance indicators that will allow providers to measure success with improved Medicare utilization. New perspectives on quality and a renewed grasp on compliance can increase an agencies capacity for Medicare volume.

Presenter

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Audience

Agency directors, clinical managers and staff

Objectives

1. The participant will be able to distinguish differences in program models.
2. The participant will be able to describe homebound scenarios.
3. The participant will be able to list key performance indicators for success in appropriate payer utilization.

CEUs and CEU Provider:

This program has been approved for [TBD] Nursing CEUs by Iowa Health Home Care IBON approved provider #308. Participants must attend the entire program to receive CEU credit.

Lodging

The Holiday Inn Express is offering a special rate of \$89 a night for workshop attendees. For reservations, call 515.967.1855 and be sure to reference Iowa Alliance in Home Care.

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