

Upcoming Distance
Learning Opportunity
from MHA

“To Err is Human” & Costly Litigation Impacts of “Never Events” Audioconference

AUDIENCE:

CEO, COO, CFO, CNO, Nurse
Leadership, TJC Coordinator,
PI Director, Risk Managers, Safety
Officers, Compliance Officers

SPEAKER:

Lisa Frye Garrison, JD
Allyson Jones Labban

DATE:

March 2, 2010
8:00 am—9:00 am pm MST

PRICING*:

MHA Members: \$165/line
Non-MHA Members: \$200/line
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS
February 24, 2010

*Fees include session materials and one (1) phone line

PROGRAM TOPICS:

- Background
 - CMS's Response
 - August 2008 Final Rule
- Additional Gov't Actions Related to HACs
- Research Studies & Articles Related to HACs
- Research Studies & Articles Regarding HAC Role HACs May Play in Litigation
- Preparing for the Potential Litigation Impact of HACs/"Never Events"

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Following a series of reports by the Institute of Medicine, the National Quality Forum, and others, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") developed an initial list of eight hospital acquired conditions (HACs) for which no Medicare reimbursement will be provided. The initial list of eight HACs has grown to eleven, and the list is likely to expand in the years to come. While an increasing body of research calls into question the efficacy of CMS' HAC policy and the impact of medical errors on patient safety and medical care costs, HACs or "never events" are here to stay. As a result, hospital providers must address not only the new coding and reporting requirements imposed by the CMS regulations and deal with additional audits by the OIG, but must also evaluate the potential litigation ramifications of "never events." This presentation will review the development and implementation of HACs and the potential use of HAC data and occurrences by plaintiffs in malpractice suits. We will also discuss practical considerations and steps hospitals should implement to best protect themselves from HAC-related litigation.

FACULTY

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fees are \$165/line for MHA members and \$210/line for non-MHA members. The registration fee includes one toll-free telephone connection per registered facility to hear the presenter and handout materials.

To register, please complete the attached form and fax it back to MHA at (406)443-3894, Attn: Jennifer Wagner. A copy of the registration form can also be obtained at www.mtha.org.

Online registration is also available. Go to www.mtha.org for the link to register online.

If you have not received confirmation via the email address provided on the registration form 48 hours after sending registration, please contact Jennifer Wagner at (406)442-1911. Registration deadline is February 24, 2010.

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Participants are encouraged to log in 15 minutes prior to the start of the program, as the program will begin on time.

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