Shoring Up Compliance in a Post-COVID World

HOME HEALTH

Program Abstract

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Program Outline

⇒ **DENIALS** — Identify the Medicare Administrative Contractor’s most recently published list of top denial reasons, the CMS Benefit Policies tied to these reasons and give examples of operational best practices to ensure compliance to decrease risk of denial of payment to agency.

⇒ **VBP** — Identify measures used in value-based purchasing program performance scoring and illustrate how agencies can operationalize best practices to increase patient outcomes while increasing efficiencies.

⇒ **COVID WAIVER FLEXIBILITIES** — Review practices altered due to COVID Waiver flexibilities and identify which flexibilities became updated law versus which will revert to prior regulation.

⇒ **TPE** — Present areas of focus for current home health TPE ADR requests as well as how to operationalize best practices to avoid scrutiny and/or respond to TPE requests.

CNE Credit

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Kansas Home Care & Hospice Association
2023 Spring Conference

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Date and Times
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Sign-In: 8:30—9:00 am
Conference: 9:00 am—4:45 pm
Lunch: 12:15 —1:30 pm

Location
REALTORS® of South Central Kansas Conference Center
170 W. Dewey
Wichita, KS 67202

Registration Fees
KHCHA Members — $130/day
Non-Members — $260/day

Target Audience
Administrators, Hospice Directors, Social Workers, Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Registered Nurses, Clinical Managers, QAPI Managers, Compliance Directors, Managers, Billing Specialists

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⇒ DENIALS — Identify the Medicare Administrative Contractor’s most recently published list of top denial reasons, the CMS Benefit Policies tied to these reasons and give examples of operational best practices to ensure compliance to decrease risk of denial of payment to agency.
⇒ UPDATED HOSPICE SURVEYOR MANUAL — Identify changes to the hospice surveyor manual and describe how agency best practices can lead to successful compliance operations.
⇒ COVID WAIVER FLEXIBILITIES — Review practices altered due to COVID Waiver flexibilities and identify which flexibilities became updated law versus which will revert to prior regulation.
⇒ HOSPICE CONCURRENT CARE COVERAGE — Review traditional Medicare vs ACO Concurrent Care Benefit coverage and operational best practices to ensure the hospice patient’s dignity at end of life.

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**Materials**

Handouts will be made available online prior to the conference. Participants will be encouraged to print and bring a copy of the handouts with them to the conference.

**Speakers**

**Jennifer Osburn, RN, HCS-D, COS-C, Senior Clinical Consultant, SimiTree**

Jennifer Osburn, RN, HCS-D, COS-C, is a well-versed, nationally known home health educator. Having a diverse background that includes extensive field staff, administration, and home health software implementation experience allows a unique connection with home health professionals.

Jennifer’s 29 years of home health experience and ability to engage her audience has led to numerous speaking engagements across the nation. She has presented for The National Association of Home Care and Hospice, numerous state home health associations, and has trained home health surveyors for The Joint Commission, CHAP, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Jennifer is currently studying for the advancement of her nursing degree and holds specialist certifications for Home Health Diagnosis Coding and OASIS.

**Maureen Kelleher, RN, MHA, CHPCA**

**Senior Manager, Operations Consulting, SimiTree**

Maureen Kelleher, RN, MHA, CHPCA joined SimiTree Healthcare Consulting in 2020. She has over 24 years of experience in healthcare, with over 19 years focused on Hospice & Palliative Care. Her background includes family practice administrator, hospice nursing, palliative care, multiple hospice executive directorships throughout the United States, and hospice consulting.

Maureen has served four years on the Regulatory Committee from January 2015-December 2019 and was a member of the Ethics Advisory Council in 2020 with the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization.

During her career, Maureen has supported and advanced Hospice programs, aligning clinical and operational teams with governing bodies to improve quality, grow patient census, achieve zero deficiency surveys, and increase revenue while decreasing expenses. She also has experience in improving efficiencies in budgeting, billing, coding, and HQRP reporting. Maureen further promoted organizational success by creating strategies and tools for improved compliance and monitoring of Hospice clinical teams, developing QAPI programs, writing HIPAA and OSHA policy, as well as regional specific infection control plans. She has assisted in start-up Palliative Care programs, as well as educating providers and programs regarding Part B billing and coding.

Maureen’s passion is centered on assisting healthcare organizations to provide patient-centered, high-quality, end of life care while effectively navigating ever changing governmental regulations, financial opportunities, and business of hospice and palliative care.

**Lodging**

The Fairfield Inn & Suites Wichita Downtown has reserved a block of rooms at the special KHCHA rate of $119 per night (single and double, tax not included). The room block will be held through March 27, 2023. Reservations may be made HERE or by calling the hotel directly at 316-201-1400 and asking for the Kansas Home Care & Hospice Association group rate. Reservations made after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space or rate available basis. Please note 48-hour cancellation requirement.
Registration Information

Registrations should be made online... [click here] to register.

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* If the same individual registers for both days, they will receive a $20 discount.

The registration fee includes breaks and online access to handouts. Lunch will not be served. Attendees may go off-site to one of the many nearby restaurants.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 4, 2023. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of registration.

Cancellations: Refunds, less a $25 processing fee, are available for cancellations received by April 4. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after April 4. No-shows will be held responsible for payment.

KHCHA greatly appreciates the time and effort on the part of our speakers/vendors in providing information for our attendees. The Kansas Home Care & Hospice Association feels an obligation to present the widest possible viewpoints represented in the home care and hospice arena. However, the participation of any speaker/vendor/product in our presentations does not constitute an endorsement by this association. As always, you are strongly advised to seek further counsel and exercise diligence in making any decisions that affect your business or the quality of services you provide.

Regarding use of the conference center, this function is not endorsed and is not co-sponsored by the REALTORS® of South Central Kansas.