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Hospice Provider Education 2024

Specific, Comprehensive Training for Physicians & Nurse Practitioners

In today's audit-intensive environment, it is absolutely vital that your hospice's physicians and nurse practitioners function within the Condition of Participation and Condition of Payment regulations. This includes documentation, organization operations, audit response and more. Attending any of these courses show an investment in your hospice and your practitioners!

- ◆ **Hospice Physician Compliance Conference ... two sessions:**
January 26 or July 12
- ◆ **Hospice Physician Documentation Clinic ... three 3-part sessions:**
February 2, 9, and 16; May 3, 10, and 17; or November 8, 15, and 22
- ◆ **Nurse Practitioner Documentation Clinic ... three sessions:**
March 1, June 14, or December 13
- ◆ **The GIP Intensive ... two sessions:**
April 5 or August 2
- ◆ **Hospice Physician Billing Conference April 25**
- ◆ **Hospice Audit Survival Training**
October 18

The best conference I've ever been to on compliance!

— Hospice Medical Director 2023

This was one of the better NP seminars I've attended. I really appreciated the specificity, accessibility, and clarity ...

— Nurse Practitioner 2023

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**For more information and to register, go to
<https://education.hospicecompliance.com/education-events>**



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INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Course descriptions

◆ **Hospice Physician Compliance Conference** ... *two sessions* ... January 26 or July 12

This all-day event will give the hospice physician a foundation in regulations surrounding the Medicare Hospice Benefit. This foundation is essential for the hospice physician to engage and lead in hospice compliance. This course is applicable to all hospice physicians including those new to hospice, preparing for Initial HMDC Certification, or seasoned physicians looking to re-engage with their organization. However, this course is specifically designed to catapult new hospice physicians into the complexities of hospice regulations while providing guidance on best practices to ensure compliance and payment.

◆ **Hospice Physician Documentation Clinic** ... *three 3-part sessions* ... February, May, or November

Three 90-minute clinics on documentation strategies designed specifically for the hospice physician to address regulatory knowledge gaps surrounding clinical (Conditions of Participation) and technical (Conditions for Payment) eligibility. Enhancement of the physician's documentation of the written Certification of Terminal Illness, correct use of assessment tools, and creating compelling and compliant documentation to ensure payment are presented. This course has a documentation emphasis while integrating the basics of eligibility and compliance. If a physician is struggling with written certifications of terminal illness, this course is a great place to start!

◆ **Nurse Practitioner Documentation Clinic** ... *three sessions* ... March 1, June 14, or December 13

Focusing on enhancement of the Nurse Practitioner's clinical assessment and documentation of the Face-to-Face Encounter (F2FE), this one-day course delineates the roles of the nurse practitioner and the hospice physician. Disease trajectories, use of local coverage determination (LCD) guidelines, and assessment tools is reviewed and their impact on F2FE documentation that is both compliant and compelling. This course is designed to deliver best practice documentation tips to ensure that Face-to-Face encounters are enhancing the patient's clinical record by documenting towards the terminally-ill status of hospice patients.

◆ **The GIP Intensive** ... *two sessions* ... April 5 or August 2

Use of the General Inpatient (GIP) Level of Care is high on CMS' radar where hospices are evaluated on both the lack of provision or excessive provision of this higher level of care. This course will provide guidance on appropriate utilization, documentation and billing of GIP care, while also offering strategies for strengthening your hospice's GIP practice. Hospice medical directors, hospice physicians, nurse practitioners and hospice administration should not miss this intensive course designed to maximize hospice GIP compliance.

◆ **Hospice Physician Billing Conference** ... April 25

Heightened scrutiny of hospice billing practices is here to stay. How will your provider billing stand up? This all-day event will explain the regulations surrounding hospice physician and nurse practitioner billing practices, technical requirements (Conditions for Payment), billing codes and CPT modifiers, level of care, and much more. This course is essential for hospices who are providing billable visits and will allow hospice physicians to achieve excellent documentation of eligibility and the level care while also achieving maximum billing potential for medically necessary visits. Brought to you by two hospice industry leaders and subject-matter experts ... Acevedo Consulting, Inc. and Weatherbee Resources.

◆ **Hospice Audit Survival Training** ... October 18

Payment-related audits from CMS contractors pose the greatest financial risk to hospice providers today. However, many hospice organizations remain ill-equipped to properly respond to these audits (e.g., Targeted Probe and Educate (TPE), Supplemental Medical Review Contractor (SMRC), or Unified Program Integrity Contractor (UPIC) audits) and mitigate payment-related denials during the Medicare appeals process. In this course, the Weatherbee Resources and the Hospice Medical Director Certification Board (HMDCB) teams will take a deep dive into the most prevalent CMS Contractor audits and share a step-by-step plan to ensure a timely and comprehensive response from initial clinical record submission to the provision of expert witness testimony at the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) appeal level or beyond. This course is designed for hospice leaders, medical directors, hospice physicians, clinical managers, and billing personnel.

Read all event information & register: <https://education.hospicecompliance.com/>

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