The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued the final rule Home Health Conditions of Participation (HHCoPs). All provisions of the final rule are effective July 13, 2017. Home health agencies (HHAs) must meet the Medicare HH CoPs in order to participate in the Medicare program. Agencies that fail to meet any of the HH CoPs are at risk, at a minimum, for the imposition of a number of sanctions and potentially at risk for program termination.

QAPI, infection control and patient rights are among the new categories coming to CMS’ Home Health Conditions of Participation — and agencies need to comply or they could be cited on surveys.

This webinar series will provide an overview of the new CoPs and offer compliance strategies on how agencies can get a QAPI program off the ground and detail areas in which existing agencies can improve their QAPI efforts.

**PART 1 – MARCH 15**
- Overview and changes in CoPs including the new items and changed items.
- The new CoPs require Continuous, integrated care process across all aspects of home health services, based on a patient-centered assessment, care planning, service delivery, and quality assessment and performance improvement.
- Using a patient centered, interdisciplinary approach that recognizes the contributions of various skilled professionals and their interactions with each other to meet the patient’s needs.

**PART 2 – MARCH 29**
- QAPI and the requirements for a successful QAPI program.
- Stress quality improvements by incorporating an outcome-oriented, data-driven quality assessment and performance improvement program specific to each HHA.
- Eliminate the focus on administrative requirements that lack adequate consensus or evidence that they are predictive of either achieving clinically relevant outcomes for patients or preventing harmful outcomes for patients.

**PART 3 – APRIL 11**
- Infection prevention and control with the use of standard infection control practices and patient / caregiver education.
- Agency programs for infection control, tracking and what needs to be included in these programs for compliance.

**PART 4 – APRIL 25**
- Safeguard patient rights by describing the steps that must be taken to protect those rights.
- Needed items for compliance and a successful Emergency Preparedness Plan.

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