 WEBINAR

#### Discharge Planning: Compliance with CMS Hospital & CAH CoPs (W4027)

Date: **July 30, 2024**  
Time: **9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

# **Cost: $195 to NHA members** (Per hospital, no charge for additional lines.)

**Course Curriculum:**This program will cover the changes to the discharge planning standards published in February 2020. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has yet to publish revised interpretive guidelines and survey procedures to match the new regulations. The regulations apply to all hospitals, including Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).

This webinar will also discuss the Impact Act and how it affects hospital discharge planning. The Act requires hospitals to assist patients with post-discharge care such as home health, skilled nursing facilities, long-term care hospitals, and inpatient rehab facilities. Information on all four must be provided to the patients except for CAHs.

This program will address transfers to other facilities, assessment of readmission within 30 days, caregiver rights and recommendations, reduction of factors that lead to preventable readmissions, timely discharge planning, and more.

**Learning Objectives:**

 Explain that CMS has revised the discharge planning requirements that apply to all hospitals.

 Recall that patients and physicians can request a discharge planning evaluation.

 Discuss that information about the hospitalization must be provided to the physician or provider before the first post-hospital visit.

 Describe that patients have a right to receive their medical records and a copy of their discharge plan in a timely manner.

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Laura A. Dixon served as the director of risk management and patient safety for the Colorado Region of Kaiser Permanente. Before joining Kaiser, she served as the director of facility patient safety and risk management and operations for COPIC from 2014 to 2020. In her role, she provided patient safety and risk management consultation and training to facilities, practitioners, and staff in multiple states.

Dixon has more than 20 years of clinical experience in acute care facilities, including critical care, coronary care, peri-operative services, and pain management. Before joining COPIC, she served as the director, Western region, patient safety and risk management for The Doctors Company in Napa, California. In this capacity, she provided patient safety and risk management consultation to the physicians and staff of the western United States

As a registered nurse and attorney, Dixon holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Regis University, RECEP of Denver, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Drake University College of Law, Des Moines, Iowa, and a Registered Nurse Diploma from Saint Luke’s School Professional Nursing, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is licensed to practice law in Colorado and California.

*This speaker has no real or perceived conflicts of interest that relate to this presentation.*

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