



WEBINAR

Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Conditions of Participation 2022: Ensuring Compliance

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Time: **12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CT**

Speakers:

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Cost: \$595 (per hospital, no charge for additional lines)

Course Curriculum

There were over 700 pages of new regulations for CAHs for 2020, including a change to all the tag numbers with a new CAH manual. Most of the new Tag numbers do not include Interpretive Guidelines or Survey Procedures. CAHs must comply with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Conditions of Participation manual for Critical Access Hospitals – Appendix W.

This four-part webinar will cover the entire CAH CoP manual. CAHs hospitals must comply with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' CoP manual for Critical Access Hospitals. The CMS regulations and interpretive guidelines serve as the basis for determining compliance and this manual will be discussed in detail as well as the revised changes.

Learning Objectives

Part 1

- Describe that CMS requires the Board enter into a written agreement for telemedicine services

- Recall CMS 3 worksheets which a CAH can utilize as a self-assessment tool to enhance compliance
- Describe that CMS has a list of emergency drugs and equipment every CAN must have
- Recall that all CAH must comply with EMTALA requirements
- Recall that the average length of stay in a CAH should not exceed 96 hours on annual basis

Part 2

- Explain the responsibilities of the pharmacists that include developing, supervising, and coordinating activities of the pharmacy
- Describe the benefits and requirements for CAH to utilize Compounding Pharmacies
- Recall the requirements for security and storage of medications, medication carts and anesthesia carts
- Discuss the requirement for dietary to meet the nutritional needs of patients and requirements of a dietitian

Part 3

- Recall that the infection preventionist must be appointed by the board
- Recall that CMS has an infection control worksheet that may be helpful to CAHs
- Discuss that insulin pens can only be used on one patient
- Describe that an order is needed to allow the patient to self-administer medications
- Explain that there are three-time frames in which to administer medications
- Discuss that CMS requires that a plan of care be done

Part 4

- Describe the requirements for history and physicals for CAH
- List what must be contained in the operative report
- Discuss what the CAH must do to comply with the requirements for notification of the organ procurement (OPO) agency
- Recall that CMS patient rights are in Swing Beds section

Speaker Bios

Lena Browning, MHA, BSN, RNC-NIC, CSHA



Lena Browning is a nurse leader and accreditation specialist with more than twenty-five years of experience in clinical leadership in acute care settings. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to improving patient safety by empowering staff and leadership to maintain continuous compliance and achieve excellence in patient care across healthcare settings. As a Principal Consultant with Compass Clinical Consulting, Lena served as team lead for the accreditation and regulatory compliance survey team. Lena has a strong commitment to client relationships and provides support to retainer clients to ensure patient safety and quality of care.

Most recently, Lena has fulfilled 3 Interim positions as Director of Accreditation and was responsible for restructuring accreditation departments and leading organizations in continuous compliance and preparation for survey readiness for their triennial Joint Commission (TJC) or Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) survey. Since then, those three organizations have had successful surveys with no condition-level findings. Additionally, Lena has successfully coached numerous organizations through Immediate Jeopardy situations with all organizations getting the IJ lifted, and no condition level findings noted on return surveys. She is a true pioneer in leadership development and coaching for excellence in healthcare accreditation.

Prior to consulting, Lena had over 2 decades of experience in Accreditation and Regulatory leadership. As an expert for CMS, TJC, and state regulations, she has performed system-wide tracers for continuous readiness and patient safety, coordinated accreditation and regulatory surveys, chaired, and facilitated continuous readiness committees, and coached staff and leadership in effective compliance and performance improvement strategies. Additionally, Lena has extensive experience in Quality and Patient Safety, Performance Improvement, Medical Staff Credentialing and Privileging, Contract Management, and Strategic Planning for Hospitals and Home Care Agencies.

Susan Seeley, RN, MSN, NEA-BC



Susan Seeley has over 40 years of experience in the healthcare industry both as a nurse leader and as a clinical consultant with a focus on patient care services and regulatory compliance. As a consultant, Susan is experienced in conducting Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Joint Commission (TJC), Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP) mock surveys and improving client hospitals' accreditation survey preparedness through on-site education.

She has prepared organizations for continuous survey readiness by implementing ongoing teams to continue regulatory compliance after mock surveys and assists organizations with writing and implementing successful Plans of Corrections for EMTALA and other CMS and Joint Commission survey deficiencies. Susan has also performed assessments of quality programs and reviews of clinical operations, the structure and function of medical staff committees and implementation of peer review quality plans.

Prior to becoming a consultant, Susan spent 19 years as Chief Nursing Officer at Florida rural hospital while working part time for the parent company as a clinical consultant for their 200+ hospitals. In this role, she also had several other departments she was responsible for including Infection Prevention, Pharmacy Services, Nutritional Services and Quality.

Susan earned her Master of Science in Nursing Administration and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. She is a Registered Nurse and holds an Advanced Nurse Administrator certification through the American Nurses Association. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and has been an invited presenter at several panels and seminars, where she has spoken on the topics of nursing practice and the accreditation survey process.