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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Surveyor Webinar Training: Hospital Systems and Unified Medical Staffs

Memorandum Summary

- **Final Rule:** In 2014 the Medicare hospital Medical Staff Condition of Participation (CoP) was revised to add §482.22(b)(4), which permits the medical staff of a hospital that is part of a hospital system to participate in a unified, integrated medical staff which the system utilizes for two or more of its separately certified hospitals. S&C 14-45, 9/15/2014, provided guidance for these revisions.
- **Webinar:** A webinar discussing this regulation and the guidance will take place on March 17, 2015 at 1pm ET. We recommend hospital surveyors, their managers, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Regional Office staff responsible for hospital survey and certification activities view this webinar.

Background

On May 12, 2014, CMS adopted a final rule entitled *Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction; Part II*, (79 Fed. Reg. 27,106), effective July 11, 2014, which included new and revised regulations applicable to a number of provider/supplier types, including hospitals, critical access hospitals (CAHs), ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs), rural health clinics (RHCs) and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).

The final rule revised the Medical Staff CoP for hospitals by adding a new regulation at §482.22(b)(4), which permits the medical staff of a hospital that is part of a hospital system to participate in a unified, integrated medical staff which the system utilizes for two or more of its separately certified hospitals, in accordance with State law. The CMS issued S&C 14-45 on September 15, 2014 to provide detailed guidance on these new regulatory provisions.

We recognize that this is a complex area, particularly since a number of hospital systems had already been employing a unified medical staff prior to the adoption of the final rule. In this webinar we will review the new regulation and guidance in detail.

We recommend that all hospital surveyors participate in this training. This training will also be useful for CMS Regional Office personnel who have responsibilities related to hospitals.

The webinar is scheduled for **March 17, 2015 from 1-3pm ET** and will include an opportunity for questions. To participate in the webinar, students must follow the instructions below.

Webinar Instructions for Learning Management System (LMS) Students Seeking Credit:

Prior to March 17th:

1. **To receive credit for the Webinar, students must register in TotalLMS at <http://cms82.sumtotalsystems.com/sumtotal/>.** Students must use their surveyor ID to log into TotalLMS. (For assistance with password resets contact the LMS help desk at 1-888-477-7876.)
2. Type “Live Webinar” in search box or click on any of the disciplines under 1-Surveyor or 2-Surveyor columns, in “Catalog” section of TotalLMS. Select intended Webinar and follow instructions.
3. After completion of the registration process, the name of the Webinar will appear in the student’s “To Do List” in TotalLMS.

On March 17th:

1. On the day of the webinar registered students must log into TotalLMS, go to their “To Do List” and select the “Start” button to launch the webinar. **(If you have not registered for the Webinar prior to the scheduled date and wish to receive credit, see instructions in “Prior to March 17th”)**
2. From the Adobe Connect Meeting window you will enter as a guest. Type your first and last name in the “Name Box.” (Do NOT check the button next to “Enter with your login and password” and DO NOT enter a login and password on the Adobe Connect screen).
3. Press “Enter Room” to access the webinar.
4. To hear the audio portion dial, 1 (800) 603-1774; (Meeting Number: **72958824**).
5. At the conclusion of the webinar, exit the webinar. The system will return to TotalLMS. Your screen will display “Have you completed this activity?” select ‘Yes’.
6. Proceed to complete the evaluation in TotalLMS (the evaluation link can be found on your “To Do List”).

Webinar Instructions for Students Not Seeking Credit:

1. At the webinar start time on March 17th students should go directly to <https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/hospital-systems-and-ums/> . An Adobe Connect Meeting window will appear.

2. From the Adobe Connect Meeting window you will enter as a guest. **Type your first and last name** in the “Name Box.” *(Do NOT check the button next to “Enter with your login and password” and DO NOT enter a login and password on the Adobe Connect screen).*
3. Press “Enter Room” to access the webinar.
7. To hear the audio portion dial, 1 (800) 603-1774; (Meeting Number: **72958824**).

This webinar will be archived for viewing at a later date.

Please send webinar technical questions to the CMS SCG Webinars mailbox:
scgwebinars@cms.hhs.gov.

Other questions concerning this memorandum may be addressed to HospitalSCG@cms.hhs.gov.

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