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Continuing Education Credit Information

Continuing Education Credit

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is evaluating this activity for continuing education units (CEU) and continuing medical education (CME) credit. The number of credits awarded will be calculated based on the actual learning time of the activity. Final CE information on the amount of credit will be available on the MLN Connects® National Provider Call detail page on the CMS website and within the Learning Management System (LMS) post-assessment.

Accreditation Statements

[Please click here for accreditation statements](#)

Instructions for Continuing Education Credit

Learning Management System (LMS) Instructions

In order to receive continuing education credits for this live activity, you must pass the session post-assessment and complete the evaluation. The continuing education post-assessments and evaluations are being administered through the Medicare Learning Network®. **The post-assessment will be available no later than two hours following the end of the National Provider Call.**

Registering To Take a Post-Assessment

If you have previously taken Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) web-based training courses, you may use the login ID and password you created for those courses. If you are a new user, you will need to register.

To Register:

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Under “Related Links” click on “Web-Based Training (WBT) Courses”.
3. Click on a course title (not the icon next to the title) to open a Course Description Window.
4. At the top of the Course Description Window, click “**Register**”.
5. You will be redirected to a page that instructs you to enter an e-mail address and click “Submit.”
6. The screen returned will read: No account was found matching your search criteria. Please click **here** to proceed with registration. Click the word “Here” to continue with registration.
7. After completing this registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing an activation link for the Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) Learning Management System (LMS). Please note that the password you create must comply with the following requirements:
 - At least eight characters;
 - At least one number;
 - One lower case letter;
 - One upper case letter; and
 - One of the following symbols: ! @ \$ % & ?.

No spaces are allowed, and you may not use any of your last six passwords as your new password. Your new password will be case sensitive and effective the next time you log into the site. For the first time, you may only log into the LMS using the link in the confirmation e-mail.

8. Once your account is activated you may enter the LMS through the MLN LMS login page.

Please add MLN@cms.hhs.gov to your address book to prevent MLN communication from going into your spam folder.

To login (existing user account):

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Under "Related Links" click on "Web-Based Training (WBT) Courses."
3. Click on a course title or assessment title (not the icon next to the title) you are interested in to open a Course Description Window.
4. At the top of the Course Description Window, click "**Login.**"
5. Enter your login ID and password. You will be re-directed to your home page.

Finding the Post-Assessment

Once you are logged into the LMS and are on your home page:

1. Click on the "Web-Based Training (WBT) Courses" link.
2. At the top of the page on the right-hand side, you will see "Topic." Scroll through the topics and select "**MLN Connects® Call**" and click "Search."
3. Select "**12MAY2015 MLN Connects® Medicare Acute Care Quality and Reporting Programs**" in the left column.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Use the radio buttons to select Certificate of Completion or Certificate of Continuing Education.
5. Click the "Take Course" button. The course will appear in a new pop-up window.

Viewing Your Transcript and Certificates

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Click on "Web-Based Training Modules" link at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the title of a course and click on Login.
4. Log in using your CMS LMS credentials.
5. To access your certificate, click on "My Homepage" in the left hand menu.
6. Click on "Transcript/Certificate."
7. Click on the Certificate link next to the course title. The course evaluation will display. Once you complete the course evaluation, your certificate will display.

Hardware/Software Requirements

[Please click here for hardware and software requirements.](#)

CMS Privacy Policy

[Please click here for CMS' Privacy Policy.](#)

Help

- For assistance with registration or technical teleconference assistance e-mail us at cms-mlnconnectsnpc@blhtech.com or view the HELP page frequently asked questions at <http://www.eventsvc.com/blhtechnologies/apage/faq.html>.
- For assistance with the Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) Learning Management System, your assessment, or certificate, contact CMSCE at CMSCE@cms.hhs.gov via e-mail.

Activity Information

Activity Description

Quality health care for people with Medicare is a high priority for the President, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). HHS and CMS began launching Quality Initiatives in 2001 to assure quality health care for all Americans through accountability and public disclosure. The various Quality Initiatives touch every aspect of the healthcare system.

This call provides an overview of all Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (Hospital IQR) and Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Programs. A question and answer session follows the presentation.

Target Audience

This activity is designed for hospital administrators, executive-level leaders, quality professionals, and staff new to quality reporting programs.

Learning Objective

By the end of the teleconference, the participant should be able to:

- Identify the purpose/objective of each program;
- Identify basic program methodologies; and
- Locate critical program-specific resources.

Participation

1. Register for the teleconference;
2. Participate in the teleconference; and
3. After the teleconference is over, access and complete the assessment and evaluation, per the *Instructions for Continuing Education Credit*, at the beginning of this document.

Speaker Bios & Disclosures

No one in a position to control the content of this activity has anything to disclose. The planners/developers of this activity have signed a disclosure statement indicating that he/she has no relevant financial interests. This activity was developed without commercial support.

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