



Ready or Not, Here They Come: New Federal Survey and Enforcement Requirements for Hospice

Monday, December 6, 2021
11:00- 12:00pm

Presented by Jody Erdfarb of Wiggin and Dana

Program Description:

Hospices are no stranger to federal surveys but will need to become familiar with the new survey process and enforcement remedies, which will become effective January 1, 2022. These changes will greatly expand the federal government's authority to impose sanctions on hospices. Whereas in the past, hospices implemented plans of correction in response to deficiencies identified during federal surveys, they are now also facing civil monetary penalties, suspension of payment for new admissions, temporary management, directed plan of correction and directed in-service training. In this webinar, Wiggin and Dana attorney, Jody Erdfarb, will explain the rules regarding how these federal sanctions work and how hospices can fight back through the appeal processes. In this new climate, it is essential for hospice agencies to understand their rights and the avenues available to defend themselves.

Program Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the revised CMS hospice survey and enforcement regulations, including an explanation of civil monetary penalties and the suspension of payment for new admissions.
- Describe the administrative appeal process with an Administrative Law Judge and Departmental Appeals Board, and the judicial review process in court.
- Offer tips on what you can do during your survey to give you the best chance at success in challenging any deficiencies.

Presenter:

Jody Erdfarb is a Partner in Wiggin and Dana's Health Care Department, where she advises a wide range of health care organizations such as hospitals, long-term-care providers, dental practices, behavioral health clinics, individual practitioners, and information technology companies. She advises on a broad range of issues, including compliance, fraud and abuse, False Claims Act, HIPAA, patient care, regulatory, and corporate matters.

Jody relies on her broad range of knowledge to provide clients with the best possible support. Her experience includes assisting providers with state and federal survey issues, including handling compliance and informal dispute resolution meetings and appealing deficiencies with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; managing Medicaid audits; and responding to governmental subpoenas. She assists clients in developing and evaluating corporate compliance programs, HIPAA policies, and managing compliance issues, including conducting internal investigations, submitting self-disclosures, and negotiating with government authorities.

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