

Changes to the Two-Midnight Rule and Short Stay Reviews

New Jersey Hospital Association, Princeton

**FREE
WEBINAR**

September 21, 2016

1 – 2:15 p.m.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

To provide greater clarity to hospital and physician stakeholders, and address the higher frequency of beneficiaries being treated as hospital outpatients, CMS adopted the Two-Midnight rule for admissions beginning on or after October 1, 2013. This rule established Medicare payment policy regarding the benchmark criteria that should be used when determining whether inpatient admission is reasonable and payable under Medicare Part A.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) temporarily paused the Beneficiary and Family Centered Care (BFCC) Quality Improvement Organizations' (QIOs) performance of initial patient status reviews this spring to determine the appropriateness of Part A payment for short stay inpatient hospital claims. CMS took this action in an effort to promote consistent application of the medical review of patient status for short hospital stays and to allow time to improve standardization in the BFCC-QIOs' review process.

Beginning June 6, CMS required the BFCC-QIOs to re-review all short stay patient status claims that were denied under the QIO medical review process since the BFCC-QIOs began conducting these reviews on Oct. 1, 2015. CMS has announced clarifications to the instructions for medical review of claims affected by the temporary suspension.

This webinar is intended to help providers understand the policy changes finalized that pertain to the two-midnight rule and short stay reviews.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants in the Webinar will learn:

1. Understand the policy changes finalized in the OPPS rule that pertain to the two-midnight rule and short-stay reviews;
2. Name issues that led to the suspension of reviews and how CMS is addressing them through the clarifications announced in July, including timely filing requirements for Part B billing
3. Prepare for how the QIO (Livanta) will interact with the Recovery Audit Contractor with respect to two-midnight rule implementation and audit; and
4. Learn how to satisfy the requirements through appropriate medical necessity documentation

TARGET AUDIENCES:

Chief executive officers; chief operating officers; chief financial officers; physicians; nurses; other clinicians involved in two-midnight rule and short-stay documentation; compliance officers; in-house counsel; health information management staff; revenue cycle management staff; and RAC coordinators.

FACULTY:

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Founder/President

An accomplished physician with more than three decades of experience in direct patient care and healthcare administration, Dr. Niewiadomski brings a wealth of knowledge to Physician Advisor On-Call, LLC.

Dr. Niewiadomski is co-founder and president of Physician Advisor On-Call, LLC, a healthcare consulting company that provides state-of-the-art seamless, remote Physician Advisor services to hospital/healthcare systems. Combining the clinical expertise of experienced physician advisors with an advanced information technology platform, PAOC delivers a full array of physician advisor services to complement current PA staffing models. Dr. Niewiadomski has twenty years in Hospital Leadership in the capacity of senior vice president and chief medical officer. He earned his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Rutgers Medical School and completed a residency in internal medicine at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ.

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