

EMTALA Update 2021

WEBINAR

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OVERVIEW:

The EMTALA manual was updated in July 2019. There were seven recent documents or survey memos that have been promulgated by CMS related to EMTALA. Although the OIG regulations are not contained in the CMS EMTALA CoP manual, they are important for all hospitals to be aware of those regulations.

EMTALA is a hot topic and should now be on every hospital's radar. There has been a recent increase in the number of deficiencies and CMS and OIG activity. It is important for hospitals to be prepared should a CMS surveyor walk into your hospital today to investigate an EMTALA compliant.

OBJECTIVES:

Part 1

- Recognize EMTALA as a frequently cited deficiency for hospitals
- Recall that CMS has a manual on EMTALA that all hospitals that accept Medicare must follow.

Part 2

- Describe that the hospital must maintain a central log
- Discuss the hospital's requirement to maintain a list of the specific names of physicians who are on call to evaluate emergency department patients
- Describe the CMS requirements on what must be in the EMTALA sign.

Part 3

- Describe the hospital's requirements regarding a minor who is brought to the ED by the babysitter for a medical screening exam
- Discuss when the hospital must complete a certification of false labor.

LEARNER OUTCOME:

Upon completion of the program the learner will be able to list three of EMTALA's frequently cited deficiency for hospitals and will implement strategies to avoid the listed citations that will be transferrable to their practice, department or organization.

Successful completion of the webinar is defined as attendance for 95 percent of the webinar learning session and a completed course evaluation.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Emergency department managers, medical director, ED physicians and nurses and ED education staff; OB managers and nurses; behavior health director and staff; CNO, nursing supervisors, nurse educators and staff nurses; outpatient directors; compliance officers, legal counsel, and risk manager; director of hospital-based ambulance services; director of registration and staff; on-call physicians, chief financial officer, patient safety officer and Joint Commission coordinator.

FACILITY:

Laura A. Dixon, BS, JD, RN, CPHRM served as director, Facility Patient Safety and Risk Management and Operations for COPIC from 2014 to 2020. In her role, Dixon provided patient safety and risk management consultations and training to facilities, practitioners and staff in multiple states. Such services included creation of and presentations on risk management topics, assessment of healthcare facilities; and development of programs and compilation of reference materials that complement physician-oriented products.

Dixon has more than 20 years of clinical experience in acute care facilities, including critical care, coronary care, peri-operative services and pain management. Prior to joining COPIC, she served as the director, Western Region, Patient Safety and Risk Management for The Doctors Company in Napa, California. In this capacity, she provided patient safety and risk management consultation to the physicians and staff for the western United States.

As a registered nurse and attorney, Dixon holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Regis University of Denver, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Drake University College of Law, Des Moines, Iowa, and a Registered Nurse Diploma from Saint Luke's School Professional Nursing, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is licensed to practice law in Colorado and California.

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