



Course Background

Funded by a grant from the Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation, the purpose of this course is to improve the knowledge base of physicians who serve as Medical Directors of home health care agencies, or have other administrative or clinical links to, or responsibilities for, such agencies as part of their work in health systems, managed care plans, or other clinical or administrative arrangements. The course was developed by the American Academy of Home Care Medicine, the professional association for those interested in the field of home care medicine. Based on an earlier, successful on-site training program, the goal is to teach essential background information on home health accreditation and regulatory compliance, and clinical and administrative skills to make those who take the course more effective team players and partners with home care agencies, and more versatile representatives for home care within the physician community.

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Faculty Disclosure

Course Director, Dr. Edward Ratner, has served as a medical director of home health agencies in previous years, but is not currently serving as an employee and has no financial interest in any Medicare-certified home health agency. He does serve as a consultant to a non-Medicare-certified home health agency and is an employee of the Veterans Administration and the University of Minnesota. He also is a Past President and served on the Board of what is now the American Academy of Home Care Medicine.

Legal Disclaimer

Although this training program addresses a number of regulatory and compliance issues, it does not provide legal advice or counsel. Participants and their affiliated home health agencies should see legal counsel for specific legal questions or concerns.



Understanding Home Health Agencies:

A Web-Based Training
Program for Medical Directors
& Other Physician Leaders



■ Learning Objectives

Depending on their personal learning objectives, participants may review individual modules for their own background and interest, or review all modules and receive a certificate of completion, or take the entire course for CME credit. This last option is suggested particularly for Medical Directors/Advisors of Home Care Agencies.

For Medical Director/Advisors, at the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Comply with federal regulations that address the role of the home health agency medical director;
- Improve the quality of home care provided;
- Implement appropriate use of skilled home health care for Medicare beneficiaries; Assist in utilization of home health agency resources related to patient care.

For other physician and administrative leaders, you will be able to:

- Review individual modules of interest to increase your understanding of the field of home health such as what rules and regulations apply, and what is required for accreditation;
- Better understand how home health agency services fit into the care continuum for Medicare-age patients.

You can review individual modules if you wish, or you can review all for a certificate or to apply for CME credit

■ Course Content

- 8 modules, each 20-40 minutes in length,
- Questions and learning activities are embedded in each module,
- Evaluation at end of each module
- Modules can be reviewed individually, but all must be completed to receive either a certificate of completion or 4 hours CME credit

■ Module Titles

- 1 Introduction to home care medical direction
- 2 Quality and accreditation
- 3 Eligibility for Medicare skilled home health care
- 4 Services and supplies included in the Medicare home health benefit
- 5 Reimbursement (including LUPAs; prospective reimbursement and pay for performance)
- 6 Attending physician roles (Cert/ Re-Cert, CPO, Face-to-Face)
- 7 Wound Care
- 8 Infusion and other complex care

■ Credit

CME This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the ACCME through the joint sponsorship of the Professional Services Education Group (PESG) and the American Academy of Home Care Medicine (AAHCM). PESG is

accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education to physicians. Maximum of 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in this activity.

AOA The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accepts AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ as AOA Category 2-B credit.

AAFP AAFP (4) Prescribed Credits Approved. This Enduring Material activity, Medical Director Training Program, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 4.00 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. AAFP Prescribed credit is accepted by the American Medical Association as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. When applying for AMA PRA Prescribed credit earned must be reported as Prescribed, not as Category 1.

CMD Credit Statement This self-study activity has been AMDCP pre-approved for a total of 4 credit hours in Management education toward certification as a Certified Medical Director in Long-Term Care (CMD). The AMDA CMD program is administered by the American Medical Directors Certification Program. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit actually spent on the activity.

■ Registration and fees

The course may be taken for free with a certificate for those who complete all of the modules. Alternatively, it can be taken for CME credit in which case a \$20 processing

fee is required. All who complete the course will be provided a six-month trial membership in the American Academy of Home Care Medicine for free to encourage all to learn

more about making house calls and other key information about taking medical care of patients in the home.

REGISTER AT aahcm.pesgce.com