DATE:
Tuesday, April 2, 2019
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (CST)

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:
All personnel involved with patient status including physicians, clinical personnel, utilization review staff, compliance and management personnel, coding/billing employees, and all others involved with inpatient admission and observation services.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Registrations are due into the LHA office one week prior to the webinar in order to ensure timely delivery of instructions and handout.

LHA WEBSITE:
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OVERVIEW:
This workshop is devoted to reviewing the status of Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) activities along with consideration to new contracts, scope of works, and various RAC-approved issues. Included in this program will be events surrounding the RACs and the backlog of appeals at the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Medicare Appeals Council (MAC) level. The Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA) has proposed several different ways to address their enormous backlog of appeals, including statistical extrapolation, settlement conferences and administrative agreements.

Medical necessity is a main concern for inpatient admissions. The inpatient issues have sparked the development of the ‘Over 2-Midnights’ rule. CMS has proposed changes to the appeals process in order to expedite the resolution of the backlog of appeals. The expansion of the RACs to the Medicare Advantage Programs is still working with the Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV), with a concentration on both comprehensive and condition-specific issues.

OBJECTIVES:
• Discuss the current status of the RAC program;
• Define the role of the ALJ and the MAC;
• Discuss the CMS-proposed changes in the appeals process;
• Discuss the settlement process and administrative agreements; and
• Analyze the “Over 2-Midnights” rule and the sub-regulatory guidance being issued including QIO involvement.

MEET YOUR FACULTY:
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REGISTRATION:
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