The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has a number of quality initiatives for home health on the horizon. A Home Health Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement requirement, 5 Star Ratings on the Home Health Compare website, and Value-Based Purchasing are fast approaching. The OASIS data collection continues to evolve and ICD-10 will finally be implemented this year. This teleconference will provide an update on the CMS initiatives and specify resources that are available to support agencies’ quality improvement efforts.

Objectives:

1. Describe 3 CMS quality initiatives for home health
   a. Update on Value Based Purchasing Initiative by CMS
   b. 5 Star Ratings for Home Health Compare Website
   c. Home Heath Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement roll-out
   d. OASIS-C1/ICD-10 Transition

2. Outline resources available to support quality improvement efforts
   a. CMS OASIS resources
   b. Role of state Quality Improvement Organizations
   c. Home Health Quality Improvement National Campaign

Continuing Education: 1.5 contact hours

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