



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director, Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Save the Dates: Basic Psychiatric Hospital, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC), and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Training Opportunities

Memorandum Summary

- ***Basic Psychiatric Hospital Training:*** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will offer a webinar on the two special conditions for psychiatric hospitals on **August 27, 2014**. Participants must view an archived webcast addressing the components of assessment and program planning for psychiatric patients prior to the webinar.
- ***Basic CMHC Training:*** CMS will offer web-based CMHC surveyor training **September 30, 2014 to October 2, 2014**. This training will focus on the new Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for CMHCs which will be effective October 29, 2014.
- ***Basic PRTF Training:*** CMS will offer web-based PRTF surveyor training for PRTFs from **December 9, 2014 to December 11, 2014**. This training will focus on the CMS requirements and CoPs for initial certification or re-certification of PRTFs.

The CMS has developed interactive web-based surveyor training courses for psychiatric hospitals, CMHCs, and PRTFs.

Participants of the psychiatric hospital surveyor training course will be required to complete a pre-requisite webcast prior to a live webinar session on August 27, 2014. The archived webcast covers basic information for the two special conditions of participation for psychiatric hospitals including assessment and treatment planning. The live webinar session will reference the archived webcast material and in addition provide participants with an opportunity to surface any questions or issues. A surveyor must successfully complete both sections of the training to receive a certificate.

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The CMHC web-based surveyor training course will take place September 30, 2014 - October 2, 2014. The course will focus on the new CoPs for CMHCs for initial certification or re-certification. This three day training course will consist of four hour sessions each day all starting at 1:00 PM ET.

The PRTF web-based surveyor training course will focus on both the CMS requirements for PRTF and the CoP for PRTF for initial certification and re-certification. This three day training course will consist of four hour sessions each day starting at 1:00 PM ET.

These training courses are designed to prepare and support surveyors to meet their task of assessing these providers for compliance with the regulatory requirements. These courses will afford the surveyors the opportunity to interact and share knowledge with one another, as well as the opportunity to learn about new regulations and ask questions during the question and answer sessions.

To participate in these courses surveyors must register via the Learning Management System (LMS). Registration information will be made available in a subsequent announcement.

Questions concerning the psychiatric hospital, PRTF or CMHC survey training courses may be addressed to Donald Howard (donald.howard@cms.hhs.gov) and Peter Ajuonuma (peter.ajuonuma@cms.hhs.gov).

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