

# New Interpretive Guidelines for Hospital CoP's for Discharge Planning

A 90-Minute Lunch & Learn Audio Conference  
by

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Thursday, November 7, 2013

\*\*\*1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time\*\*\*

## Audio-Conference Description

In May of this year CMS issued extensive, new interpretive guidelines for CoP's for discharge planning. The focus of this teleconference is to educate discharge planners/case managers and post-acute providers about their respective roles, based upon these new guidelines. What activities are discharge planners/case managers required to perform? Are discharge planners/case managers required, for example, to arrange for transportation for hospice and other patients, or can post-acute providers make arrangements instead? When can post-acute providers begin the process of coordination of post-acute services? What criteria must be met before they can do so? When do the activities of post-acute providers cross the line to the impermissible provision of free services in exchange for referrals? The emphasis will be on practical guidance that can be implemented by both case managers/discharge planners and post-acute providers. There will be ample time for questions.

### Objectives:

- Identify 2 activities that discharge planners/case managers are required to perform.
- Describe 1 prerequisite to coordination of services.
- Identify the federal statute that is violated if post-acute providers give free discharge planning services to hospitals.

### About the Speaker:

Elizabeth Hogue is an attorney in private practice with extensive experience in health care. Prior to becoming an attorney, she was employed as a personnel manager by a Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan. She studied at the University of Maryland School of Law, concentrating in health law, and gained considerable clinical experience, course work, and employment experience in this area. Following her admission to the Bar, she developed an active practice in health law. She represents clients all over the country. Her clients are professional associations, managed care providers, and institutional health care providers; including hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health agencies, durable medical equipment companies, and hospices. She has also represented a number of individual providers. Ms. Hogue gives approximately 50 presentations each year on health-related topics. Her numerous articles are regularly included in trade association publications and other journals. Ms. Hogue is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association. Her offices are located in Washington, D.C.

### This is how it works:

Complete the attached Registration Form for your organization and return to [Elizabeth Hogue](#). Registered locations will be sent an email confirmation on **Wednesday, November 6**, with dial-in information and handout materials and/or resources. On the day of the conference, simply join the call by dialing the toll-free number and giving your organization name and conference ID number. Gather your staff and listen via speakerphone to the presentation, follow along with the handouts and participate in live, interactive Q&A.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registration fees are based on each dial-in connection; multiple call-ins from your organization will be charged. We are unable to accommodate more than one organization per call-in.

**REGISTER TODAY! Save time and travel costs, and include all staff members who will benefit from this program!**

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## THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO REGISTER

**BE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW:**

1. **E-mail** this completed form to: ElizabethHogue@ElizabethHogue.net
2. **Fax** completed form to (877) 871-9739
3. **Mail** completed form to: Registration, 107 Guilford Drive, Summerville, SC 29483-5583

**Please register by Tuesday, November 5, to ensure that you  
receive e-mailed confirmation details before the audio conference.**

Please type or print legibly all information below.

**Name of Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail (required field):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Participants Expected to Attend from your Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees

This fee includes one dial-in connection. Additional fees will be charged if there are multiple dial-ins.

**There are no refunds.**

**\$169 per call-in**

## PAYMENT METHOD

Check (payable to Elizabeth E. Hogue, Esq.)     VISA     MasterCard     American Express

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