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COMPACT DISC (CD) TRAINING AVAILABLE ON “RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION” TO HELP HOSPITALS IMPLEMENT THE CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION ON PATIENTS’ RIGHTS

(February 16, 2007).....The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) is offering a two-hour compact disc training on ***Restraint and Seclusion: Implementing the CMS Final Rule on the Hospital Patients’ Rights Condition of Participation.***

On December 8, 2006, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule on the hospital Condition of Participation on Patients’ Rights, including new requirements on the use of restraint and seclusion. The rule is effective January 8, 2007, for all hospitals participating in Medicare and Medicaid, including both general hospitals and freestanding psychiatric hospitals.

This training, including CMS staff as faculty, highlights the changes in the regulation as well as the types of organizational changes that hospitals need to consider to ensure compliance. The faculty guides participants through the final rule using a PowerPoint presentation and answers a series of questions from the field.

The faculty includes **Patricia A. Chmielewski, R.N., M.S.**, deputy director, Division of Acute Care Services, Survey and Certification Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; **Janice A. Graham, R.N., M.S.**, Division of Institutional Quality Standards, Clinical Standards Group/OCSQ, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; **Dorothy Hill, R.N., C.**, chief executive officer, Acadia Hospital, Bangor, ME; and **Harold Schwartz, M.D.**, psychiatrist-in-chief & vice president, behavioral health, The Institute of Living/Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT. The moderator is NAPHS Director of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs **Kathleen McCann, R.N., Ph.D.**

HOW TO ORDER

The compact disc (CD) is \$225 (or \$150 for NAPHS members). An order form is available at <http://www.naphs.org/RestraintandSeclusionFinalRule.html>, or by calling 202/393-6700, ext. 106.

NAPHS advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider organizations that own or manage more than 600 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. The association was founded in 1933.

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