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AUGUST TELEPHONE TRAINING WILL HELP HOSPITALS PREPARE FOR OCTOBER LAUNCH OF “HOSPITAL-BASED INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES CORE MEASURES”

(Washington, D.C., June 9, 2008)...As of June 1, 2008, The Joint Commission (JC) has posted final specifications for a set of hospital-based inpatient psychiatric services (HBIPS) core measures. See www.jointcommission.org/PerformanceMeasurement/PerformanceMeasurement/Hospital+Based+Inpatient+Psychiatric+Services.htm. Starting in October 2008, the measures will be available for hospitals to use to fulfill the requirements of performance measurement reporting.

TELEPHONE TRAINING WILL HELP HOSPITALS PREPARE

To help psychiatric and addiction hospital settings implement The Joint Commission core measures, the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) has organized a special **two-part telephone conference** offering a total of four hours of training on **“Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services Core Measures: Implementation Strategies for an October Launch.”** Part I will be held on **Tuesday, August 5, 2008**, and Part II will be held on **Wednesday, August 13, 2008**. The calls will run from **2pm to 4pm Eastern** each day.

Faculty from The Joint Commission will provide background on how the accrediting body envisions these core measures being used as part of the hospital accreditation process and will discuss the latest JC policies. Discussants from behavioral healthcare organizations that have pilot-tested the HBIPS measures and worked to use the data to improve care within their facilities will share their experiences with the process. ORYX vendors who have embedded the HBIPS measures in their systems and who have worked actively with the HBIPS pilot project will also participate.

The HBIPS core measures focus on the assessment process, discharge summary/aftercare, the use of psychotropic medications, and seclusion and restraint.

HOW TO REGISTER

The teleconference format is designed to enable maximum participation at minimal cost. Because registration fees are per incoming line (not per participant), registered sites can have as many people listen in on speakerphone as they wish. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. The cost of the two-day, four-hour teleconference is \$500 (or \$350 for NAPHS members). American Express, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.

To register online, go to www.naphs.org or call 202/393-6700, ext. 106. A compact disc will also be available *after* the teleconferences for \$500 (or \$350 for NAPHS members).

ABOUT NAPHS

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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