

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **TELEPHONE TRAINING TO HELP HOSPITALS IMPLEMENT RESTRAINT/SECLUSION PROVISIONS OF THE MEDICARE/MEDICAID “CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION ON PATIENTS’ RIGHTS”**

(Washington, D.C., January 9, 2007)... To help hospitals understand and implement new restraint/seclusion provisions of the Medicare/Medicaid hospital Condition of Participation on Patients’ Rights, the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) will offer an interactive telephone training on **Thursday, February 15, 2007**, from **2pm-4pm Eastern**.

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 for patients with behavioral health needs. The rule is effective January 8, 2007, for all hospitals participating in Medicare and Medicaid, including both general hospitals and freestanding psychiatric hospitals.

The call on the **“Restraint and Seclusion Final Rule: Implementing the CMS Hospital Patients’ Rights Condition of Participation”** will highlight the changes in the regulation as well as the types of organizational changes that hospitals need to consider to ensure compliance. Representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will explain the rule’s role in ensuring accountability and improving patient safety. A representative of psychiatric nursing leadership will discuss the role of the trained registered nurse in the implementation of the rule. Also hear from a physician with responsibility for implementing policy for care of patients with behavioral health needs (including restraint/seclusion policy).

#### **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 one speakerphone as they wish. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. The cost of the teleconference is \$225 (or \$150 for NAPHS members). American Express, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.

For a registration form, see [www.naphs.org](http://www.naphs.org) or call 202/393-6700, ext. 106. A compact disc will also be available *after* the teleconferences for \$225 (or \$150 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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**NOTE:** The final rule is available at  
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-9559.pdf>.