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**COMPACT DISC (CD) TRAINING AVAILABLE ON
HOSPITAL-BASED INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES (HBIPS) CORE MEASURES
SET TO LAUNCH OCTOBER 1**

(August 26, 2008)...To help hospitals prepare for the October 2008 launch of The Joint Commission's (JC) first-ever core measures for hospital-based inpatient psychiatric services (HBIPS), the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) is offering a four-hour compact disc training. The CD, ***Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services (HBIPS) Core Measures: Implementation Strategies for an October Launch***, brings together 16 experts – including the key Joint Commission project leaders – to help organizations get ready for this major initiative and get maximum value from data collection. Included with the CD are links to online presentations and resource materials provided by the faculty.

Members of the HBIPS Technical Advisory Panel discuss how they chose and refined the specific measures, and Joint Commission representatives explain how the WIKI Web-based system can support organizations' exchange of ideas as they work through the HBIPS implementation process. The training describes how baseline and comparative data will be reported back to facilities through the Joint Commission's extranet site. Joint Commission leaders discuss the latest policy decisions and how they view the use of HBIPS in the coming years. For example, psychiatric hospitals will be able to use the core measures instead of non-core measures in their ORYX reporting, and general hospitals will have the option to use the HBIPS core measures. Learn what behavioral health providers have discovered about HBIPS throughout the pilot-testing phase, and get ideas from ORYX vendors about how you can make the reporting meaningful within your organization. The training is moderated by NAPHS Director of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs **Kathleen McCann, R.N., Ph.D.**

HOW TO ORDER

The four-hour compact disc (CD) is \$500 (or \$350 for NAPHS members). An order form is available at www.naphs.org/Teleconference/CoreMeasures.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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