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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **NAPHS OFFERS COMPACT DISC TRAINING ON “RECOVERY AUDIT CONTRACTORS: WHAT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS TO KNOW”**

(Washington, D.C., August 6, 2009)...To help those working in hospitals providing psychiatric and addiction treatment services, the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) is offering a special two-hour training on compact disc about “**Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs): What Behavioral Health Needs to Know.**” This training **focuses specifically on the concerns of behavioral health providers** and provides an opportunity to hear how RAC reviews are affecting behavioral health peers.

The faculty includes **Cdr. Marie Casey**, deputy director of the Division of Recovery Audit Operations within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and **Don May**, vice president, policy, American Hospital Association (AHA), to help hospital leaders understand – and be prepared for – RAC reviews. In the initial RAC demonstration program, almost \$1 billion in improper payments were identified. Four permanent RAC contractors (assigned by geographic regions) have been named, and a national rollout plan is in place. All states are scheduled to be under the RAC program by 2010.

Get a better understanding of what the system is intended to do, what specific steps RACs must follow, what your organization needs to do to be ready for RAC reviews, what claims may and may not be reviewed, what to anticipate in complex claims review, what review criteria the RACs will use, the overpayment/underpayment process, the appeals process, and what questions to ask along the way.

Along with the CD, the faculty members provide resources you can use to prepare for listening to the CD and also use for further discussion within your organization.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER**

The cost of the two-hour CD is \$250 (or \$175 for NAPHS members). American Express, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.

To order online, go to <http://www.naphs.org/Teleconference/RACs.html> or call 202/393-6700, ext. 106.

#### **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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