Suicide is on the rise and the leading cause of death in the nation. In California, the rate increased nearly 15 percent from 1999-2016.* The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has taken notice too, expanding the types of health care facilities and hospital areas that must comply with the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) regarding ligature risk or self-harm.

While CMS’ Interpretive Guidelines regarding ligature compliance are still in development, they have made their intentions for compliance clear in a recently released memo. Surveyors and health care providers are to follow recommendations developed by a Joint Commission multi-stakeholder Suicide Panel. CMS representatives were panel participants and plan to incorporate the panel’s recommendations into the next release of the Interpretive Guidelines.

Join us for this important webinar and hear The Joint Commission panel participants explain the steps that all hospitals should take to maintain compliance with Medicare CoPs. Hospital representatives will share practical ways to maintain CoP compliance and safely care for at-risk patients.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control, https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/suicide

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**Recommended for**

Chief nursing officers and managers, chief risk officers and risk managers, compliance officers and ED directors and managers.

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**Agenda**

**Background — CMS Conditions of Participation for Ligature/Self Harm**
- How the issue of suicide risk is evolving
- Shifting CoP categories — from Physical Environment to Patients’ Rights
- Survey expands — inpatient psychiatric hospitals, psychiatric units in general acute care hospitals, non-behavioral health units designated for psychiatric patients (ED safe rooms, medical units)
- Interim guidance — CMS Memo supporting The Joint Commission

**TJC Suicide Panel Recommendations**
- Which patients must be assessed for suicide risk, how to rate, ongoing assessment
- Training staff to ID risk levels, implement interventions
- Requirements for designated and non-designated rooms, equipment risks
- Keeping an eye on patients — video requirements, sitters, patients on 5150
- Citations and Plans of Corrective Action
- Upcoming revisions to Interpretive Guidelines — what to expect from CMS

**Protecting Patients — Hospital Representatives Share Practices and Insights**
- Policies and procedures that promote patient safety
- Practical application of CoP requirements

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