



EMTALA – Essentials and Trouble Spots

EMTALA principles, updates, psychiatric services and compliance tips

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

Despite being on the books for nearly 30 years, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) continues to be a source of confusion for staff and a public relations nightmare. Fines have recently doubled, and may result in sanctions – recently for one hospital in excess of \$1 million.

Whether you are a veteran or new to emergency department services, navigating EMTALA obligations can be daunting, especially when you are dealing with conflicting directions from all sides, including local governing agencies and payers.

Health care professionals are encouraged to attend this webinar to gain insights on scope and application of the law, learn updated information, explore recurring problems and delve into the collision of EMTALA and emergency psychiatric services. Ample Q & A time is planned to address your toughest questions.

Recommended for

All emergency department staff including department managers, medical directors, nurse managers and physicians, in addition to behavioral health managers, business office and admitting managers, risk managers, health care attorneys, social workers, discharge managers, clinic staff and administrators, and compliance officers.

Agenda

EMTALA – Review of Basic Obligations

- When and where EMTALA begins
- Triage and medical screening
- Determination of an emergency medical condition
- Further examination and stabilizing treatment
- On-call coverage
- Appropriate transfers – sending and receiving facilities

EMTALA – Updates

- EMTALA sanctions for violations
- Application of EMTALA to hospital urgent care centers
- Updated guidance regarding on-call coverage, critical access hospitals
- CMS guidance clarifying “stabilized” vs. “stable”
- CMS guidance regarding payer interference with EMTALA transfers
- ED patient registration and debt collection practices

EMTALA – Recurring Problem Areas

- Medical screening exams
- Acceptance of transfers
- Capacity and capability of hospitals
- Obstetric patients in the ED and labor and delivery
- Patient safety and monitoring, security, elopement
- Payer communication for post-stabilization care
- Interaction of EMS agency policies and EMTALA obligations

EMTALA – Psychiatric Patients

- Psychiatric patients – application of the EMTALA rules
- Does LPS (5150 status) affect the application of EMTALA?
- 5150 and 24-hour holds in the ED
- ED psychiatric emergency medical conditions – placement, transfer
- Transfers to crisis stabilization units
- County policies vs. EMTALA obligations

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