

Eli's Hospice Insider

Education: Get Training On Crucial Hospice Topics

Learn how to negotiate the hospice-nursing home minefield and comply with diagnosis coding requirements.

You can receive vital information on these topics from the comfort of your own office:

Hospice Care in the Nursing Home -- Stepping Through the Minefield. Wed. Sept. 12, 11 a.m. ET. Total Medicare spending for hospice care for nursing facility residents grew by 69 percent from 2005 to 2009 and the number of hospice beneficiaries in nursing facilities increased by 40 percent -- and the **OIG** has taken notice. Hospice providers need to be aware of the potentials for missteps when providing care in the nursing home setting. Join hospice expert **Roseanne Berry** to identify and mitigate risk areas with these patients. For more information, go to www.audioeducator.com/hospice-care-in-the-nursing-home-stepping-through-the-minefield.html or call 1-866-458-2965.

• **Coding of Hospice Cases.** Tues. Sept. 25, 1 p.m. ET. CMS has emphasized in its 2013 hospice wage index notice that hospices must be coding more than just the primary diagnosis (see story, p. 65). Medicare's hospice Conditions of Participation require that the terminal illness and the co-morbidities impacting care must be coded, and CMS says it plans to use those codes to develop a potential case mix payment system for hospice. Non-compliance and sloppiness will hurt your future payment. Join coding guru **Lisa Selman-Holman** to learn the ins and outs of coding for hospice patients. For more information, go to www.audioeducator.com/codingof-hospice-cases.html or call 1-866-458-2965.