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CAPC and AAHPM Unveil Palliative Care Audio Conference

Glenview, IL – The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) are pleased to offer an audio conference on "Billing and Coding for Palliative Care Consultations: Getting Paid for What You Do." Physicians, nurses, social workers, financial managers, administrators, billing coordinators, and medical directors of palliative care programs are invited to participate.

This audio conference will review the common reasons for CMS application errors, provide recommendations to minimize denials, and supply concrete strategies to simplify appeals. A review of Part B billing for hospital consults will also be presented. Participants will learn an overview of billing rules to help avoid future problems; common reasons for payment denials; strategic approaches to reducing denials; best practices for palliative care team new hires and staff credentialing in order to minimize denials, and strategies for regular audit and QI activities to improve revenues from billing and appeals.

Featured speakers include Lynn Hill Spragens, president and ceo, Spragens & Associates, LLC and Julie Pipke, reimbursement manager of medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin.

For more information and to register visit www.capc.org/support-from-capc/audio-conf/09-17-08/.

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The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) provides health care professionals with the tools, training and technical assistance necessary to start and sustain successful palliative care programs in hospitals and other health care settings. Located at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, CAPC is a national organization dedicated to increasing the availability of quality palliative care services for people facing serious, complex illness.

The American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine is an organization of 3,500 physicians and other healthcare providers who are committed to improving the quality of life of patients facing life-threatening or serious conditions. This newly recognized medical specialty can bring comfort and support to patients and families who need it most! For more information, contact the Academy at 847/375-4712 or visit the Web site at www.aahpm.org.

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