



Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Series

10 a.m.-Noon Tuesday, July 1, July 15, and July 29

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Hospitals must follow federal law, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations and interpretative guidelines for the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act. This three-part series will focus on EMTALA regulations, emphasizing problematic areas of EMTALA concepts, adequacy of medical screening and on-call physician issues.

Tuesday, July 1

Part One focuses on EMTALA's basic requirements and available resources to hospitals. The presentation will discuss EMTALA definitions and requirements.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe EMTALA's basic requirements.
- Describe why EMTALA is the most-frequently cited deficiency nationwide.
- Discuss where EMTALA applies in facilities.
- Review examples of how hospitals can keep current on regulation changes.

Tuesday, July 15

Part Two will discuss EMTALA issues, including:

- Appropriate transfers
- Differences in patient transfer requirements for emergency departments, observation units and inpatient units
- EMTALA signage
- The adequacy of medical screening examinations

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Define what language must be on required EMTALA signs and where they must be posted.
- Describe what constitutes an adequate medical screening examination for behavioral health, obstetric and other patients.
- Describe what constitutes an appropriate certification of false labor.
- Illustrate what an appropriate transfer entails and what must be included in the transfer form.

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Part Three will focus on physician involvement with the EMTALA process, including:

- How to deal with risky patient situations, such as leaving against medical advice and leaving without being seen
- On-call physician requirements
- The quality improvement organization's role in the EMTALA survey progress
- When an on-call physician must appear in the emergency department

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe on-call physician rules, including schedules and when the on-call physician must appear in the emergency department.
- Describe the Office of Inspector General's role and recent deficiencies and fines concerning on-call physicians.
- Describe the quality improvement organization's role with EMTALA.
- Examine documentation requirements for challenging patient situations.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This program is for hospitals, health systems and anyone involved with compliance regulations and standards, including:

- CEOs
- Chief medical officers
- Chief nursing officers
- Compliance officers and legal counsel
- Department directors
- Emergency department staff
- Governing board members
- Nurses
- Obstetric staff
- On-call physicians
- Physicians
- Quality improvement staff
- Regulatory readiness liaisons
- Risk managers
- Safety officers

SPEAKER

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