

THE LONG TERM CARE DISCUSSION GROUP

A VOLUNTARY INDEPENDENT GROUP THAT MEETS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE
OF EDUCATING THE POLICY COMMUNITY ON ALL FACETS OF LONG TERM CARE

Thursday, January 31, 2013
11:00 a.m. Eastern Time

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601 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW - Suite 500 South Building
Washington, DC 20004

Speakers: Roshunda Drummond-Dye, JD,
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Topic: Medicare "Improvement Standard"

Our speaker will discuss the recently proposed settlement that resolves a lawsuit (*Glenda Jimmo, et. al vs. Kathleen Sebelius*) under which plaintiffs alleged that the US Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare contractors, and administrative review boards were arbitrarily limiting coverage for patients who did not show long-term improvement in their conditions, even though official Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rules state these services should be covered.

Under this proposed agreement, Medicare would pay for skilled therapy and nursing services if they are needed to maintain the patient's current condition or prevent or slow further deterioration. The implications of the settlement for current and future Medicare beneficiaries, as well as impact on long term care expenses, will be explored. It has been suggested that allowing Medicare beneficiaries to receive physical therapy in skilled nursing facilities and home and community-based settings will result in significant cost savings in the long term, as well as help bolster the triple aim of health care reform to improve care for individuals, improve health for populations, and lower spending growth.

The speaker will discuss the process and timeframe by which stakeholders will work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and its contractors to ensure accurate and fair incorporation of revisions to the current Medicare manuals and regulations that reflect this significant change.

Roshunda Drummond-Dye, JD is Director of Regulatory Affairs in the Department of Health Finance and Quality at the American Physical Therapy Association. She is an expert in Medicare and Medicaid regulations specifically issues related to home

health, skilled nursing facilities, outpatient physical therapy, and rehabilitation agencies. She also has over 10 years of experience in dealing with federal fraud and abuse laws such as Stark II and the Anti-kickback Statute. Drummond-Dye comes from the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) where she served as Senior Policy Analyst and worked on federal health care legislative and regulatory issues. Prior to joining ASTRO, Drummond-Dye served as a legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Sonny Callahan where she worked on a range of issues including Medicare and appropriations. She received her law degree from the Southern University Law Center and completed her undergraduate work at Talladega College.

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