Skilled Professional Services

Presentation by: Aaron Sheehan, RN

Skilled Professional Services

- Skilled professional services include skilled nursing services, physical therapy, speech-language pathology services, occupational therapy, physician and medical social work services.(G-700).

- Skilled professionals who provide services to HHA patients directly or under arrangement must participate in the coordination of care. (G-700).

LARA
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Provision of services by skilled professionals

- Skilled professional services are authorized, delivered, and supervised only by health care professionals who meet the appropriate qualifications and who practice according to the HHA's policies and procedures.(G-702).

Responsibilities of skilled professionals

- (G-704) Skilled professionals must assume responsibility for, but not be restricted to, the following:

  – Ongoing interdisciplinary assessment of the patient. (G-706).

LARA
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Responsibilities of skilled professionals

- Ongoing interdisciplinary assessment is the continual involvement of all skilled professional staff involved in the plan of care from the initial assessment through discharge and periodic interactive, discussions regarding the status and recommendations for the plan of care. The interdisciplinary approach recognizes the contributions of the disciplines (MDs, RNs, LPN/LVN, PT, OT, SLP, MSW, HH aides).(G-706).

LARA
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Responsibilities of skilled professionals

– Development and evaluation of the plan of care in partnership with the patient, representative (if any), and caregiver(s); (G-708).

– Providing services that are ordered by the physician as indicated in the plan of care;(G-710).

– Patient, caregiver, and family counseling;(G-712).

Responsibilities of skilled professionals

- Patient and caregiver education;(G-714).
- Preparing clinical notes;(G-716).
- Communication with all physicians involved in the plan of care and other health care practitioners (as appropriate) related to the current plan of care;(G-718).

Responsibilities of skilled professionals

– Participation in the HHA's QAPI program;(G-720).

- An effective QAPI program must involve the contribution of all skilled professional staff for their input and personal investment in the implementation of the program. Skilled professional staff, regardless of whether the staff is a direct employee of the agency or under arrangement, are expected to contribute to all phases of the QAPI program. These contributions may include; identification of problem areas; recommendations to address problem areas; data collection; attendance at periodic QAPI meetings or participation in performance improvement projects.

Responsibilities of skilled professionals

- Participation in HHA-sponsored in-service training;(G-722).
  - Each skilled professional discipline attends all in-service training sessions and programs required by the HHA.

Supervision of skilled professional assistants

- Documentation in the clinical record should show how communication and oversight exist between the skilled professional and assistant regarding the patient's status, the patient's response to services furnished by the assistant, and the effectiveness of the written instructions provided to the assistants.(G-724).

LARA
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Supervision of skilled professional assistants

- Nursing services are provided under the supervision of a registered nurse;(G-726)
  - The HHA identifies a RN to supervise the care provided by Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses. The RN monitors and evaluates LPN/LVN performance in the provision of services, provision of treatments, patient education, communication with the RN, and data collection regarding the patient's status and health needs as delegated by the RN

Supervision of skilled professional assistants

- Rehabilitative therapy services are provided under the supervision of an occupational therapist or physical therapist;(G-728)
  - Assistants must be supervised by the skilled therapy professional for that therapy type. Only physical therapists may supervise physical therapist assistants and only occupational therapists may supervise occupational therapy assistants.

Supervision of skilled professional assistants

- Medical social services are provided under the supervision of a social worker;(G-730).
  - Any social service provided by a social services assistant must be supervised by a Medical Social Worker who has a master's degree or doctoral degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

LARA
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Comments?

Questions?