COMPLIANCE INTEGRITY TRAINING WELL ATTENDED

Thank you for your participation in this month’s annual EverCare compliance integrity training program. Your interest, questions and comments helped us all. There were a total of six sessions from August through September 22! The Question and Answer format proved to be a useful tool to encourage questions and provide answers!

We also covered the eight elements of our Compliance program. Today: element #3: Our compliance integrity program establishes, implements and provides effective training and education for all employees including management, administrators, board and to some of our providers.

FAXES AND THE FACTS, PART II

During our Corporate Compliance training, it was announced that our faxes are now required to have each page (cover page and all accompanying pages) stamped “confidential.” The HIPAA Privacy Rule requires “reasonable safeguards” this means not only to mark each page confidential but to check the fax number for accuracy prior to faxing. Thank you!

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEDICAID AND MEDICARE

Medicaid – A joint federal and state program established by title XIX of the Social Security Act which helps with medical costs for some people of all ages who have low incomes and limited resources. Medicare – a federally sponsored health insurance program for those aged 65 and over as well as certain other eligible individuals. Consists of 4 parts: Part A covers inpatients costs; Part B covers outpatient costs; Part C is the Medicare+Choice program; and Part D covers prescription drugs.


Q: Who do I report a compliance issue to? Report your concern to any member of management if that makes you feel most comfortable. It’s less important to whom you report but rather that you report.

"The strongest thing that any human being has going is their own integrity and their own heart. As soon as you start veering away from that, the solidity that you need in order to be able to stand for what you believe in and deliver what's really inside, it's just not going to be there." Herbie Hancock