Medication management is a key component of quality home health care. Medication related issues are a leading cause of hospitalization/re-hospitalization for all patients, but especially for older patients.

Several Care Transition Coordination Demonstration Projects have significantly decreased hospital re-admissions, reduced health care cost and decreased mortality of community dwelling patients through improved medication education and management of medications. Home health staff are in the perfect position to positively impact medication management because we are in the homes of our patients and can readily recognize concerns and issues as well as significantly impact better medication management.

Home Health Value Based Purchasing, Star Ratings, Home Health Compare and IMPACT have all targeted aspects of medication management as key outcomes as part of their quality initiatives. In addition, medication related deficiencies are among the top cited issues in home health certification surveys. It takes the entire home health team working together to address this vital aspect of health care to make a difference and improve the quality of care for those we serve every day. This 90 minute webinar is devoted to promoting a Team Approach to Medication Management in home health.

The program will include:

- An overview of projects that have had a significant impact on improving patient’s life quality while reducing health care costs and other negative consequences of inadequate medication management.
- Discuss the accurate scoring of the OASIS items related to medication management to ensure that home health agencies capture credit for their contributions to superior outcomes related to medication management.
- Identify strategies to improve medication management, with special focus on the drug regimen review and focused interventions that have proven effective in decreasing medication related issues.
- Identify basic actions each member of the home health team can take to improve the overall success of medication management and the benefits to our patients.

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