

# CMS Updates to the Home Health COPS!

Audio Recording \* Handouts \* A "To Do" List!

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*This 1 ½ hour teleconference focuses on the recent CMS COP proposed changes and offers advice regarding how to prepare & operationalize the changes!*

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### Feedback from Participants:

*"Well organized! Good resources made available!"*

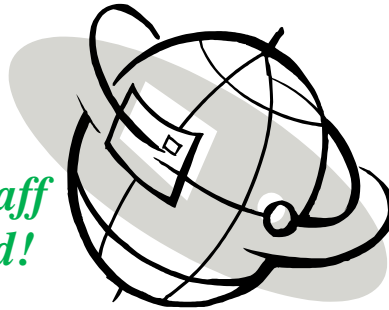
*"I really liked the "to-do" list. We will definitely be able to use that at our agency!"*

*"This presentation was so helpful and I'm glad we have this resource. Thank you!"*

**Don't Let**

**The COP Changes**

**Spin Staff Around!**



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