

# Patient Advocates Program Telephone Teach-ins

We invite you to participate in our FREE phone conference teach-in

**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 am—11:00 am

**Theme:** The Medicare Home Health Care: Updates on eligibility and service limitations for this important benefit.

**Speaker:** **Kathleen Holt**, J.D. Associate Director, Center for Medicare Advocacy

**Call in number:** 1-605-475-6333; **Access code:** 6258645



## Session Overview:

Many older persons are able to obtain critical services that can help them recover from a health condition in their own home through Medicare Home Health Care. Often situations that used to necessitate the use of a skilled nursing facility or rehabilitation can be addressed successfully at home through the use of the Medicare Home Care benefits. Services may include skilled nursing, home health aides, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology & other services.

Given the pressures to discharge patients more quickly and the impact of policies like observation status, home health care services can be critical to helping a person successfully transition back into the community and avoid potential hospital readmissions. Therefore, it is critical that older persons, caregivers, and aging network professionals understand how Medicare Home Health Care benefits work and what the limitations are for the use of these important benefits.

### In this session, you will learn about:

- ✓ The eligibility criteria to qualify for Medicare Home Health Benefits & what needs trigger coverage.
- ✓ How Medicare defines "home bound" and what are the situations when a beneficiary may still leave their home.
- ✓ Home care services Medicare provides under Part A, Part B and Part C.
- ✓ Types of providers that can be paid for Home Health Care under Medicare.
- ✓ How much services will Medicare provide and for how long.
- ✓ Provision of PT or OT at home through Part A even though Part A may not cover such care in an SNF setting due to the 3 midnight rule.
- ✓ The effect of the Jimmo court decision on Medicare home care services.
- ✓ What to do if agency says Medicare will not cover a service.
- ✓ If any new rule or demonstrations may enhance or expand Medicare home care benefits.



**ALL TEACH-INS RUN  
FROM 10:00—11:00 AM.**

**This is our last Telephone Teach In for the 2018-19 series.**

If you missed one of our Teach Ins, you may access recordings and any session materials on our website at

**[www.nysenior.com](http://www.nysenior.com).**

We will be sending out a survey to obtain feedback and suggestions on future topics we hope that you will provide us your input.

Please see our website for announcements of future sessions which will begin in September.

## Caller Instructions and Other Information

- The sessions are in presentation mode but the line will be opened for participant questions and comments after the speaker has finished their presentation.
- Materials from Teach Ins are posted on our website [www.nysenior.org](http://www.nysenior.org)
- When on our website,
  1. On the navigation bar, click on **Our Helplines**
  2. In the drop down menu, click on **Patient's Rights Helpline**
  3. Under "**Information for Hospital Patients**", click on **Telephone Teach-in**. This will take you to additional information about past Teach ins, powerpoint presentations and other important notes.

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