

# ***“Home Health PPS Reform”***

## **Workshop**

**Wednesday - October 24, 2007**

*Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington, 7007 N. High Street,  
Worthington, OH 43085, PH: 614-436-0700*

The proposed rule reforming the Medicare Home Health Prospective Payment System (HHPPS) promises to trigger the most significant changes for home care since the implementation of the Prospective Payment System. The proposal calls for an increase from 80 to 153 HHRGs, major changes to the current 10 visit therapy threshold, and addition to and realignment of the clinical and functional case-mix domains. The rule includes an additional element that cuts the payment rates from current levels by 2.75 percent for each of the next three years, beginning in 2008. This workshop will highlight and discuss the changes this rule will necessitate within home health agencies. The program begins with a detailed overview of the rule and proceeds into financial, clinical, and operational implications - providing detailed instruction on how to implement the changes at your agency. We'll cover what your organization will need to do to transition into the new system by January 1, 2008.

### **Speakers:**

**William T. (Ted) Cuppett, CPA**, presently functions as Managing Member of the Clarksburg office of Dixon Hughes PLLC. He has over twenty-five years of experience serving clients, including health care and tax-exempt organizations of all types. His specific experience includes: Auditing; Strategic and organizational planning; Corporate compliance; Reimbursement; Litigation support; Mergers and acquisitions; Taxes for tax-exempt entities, including health care providers. Ted has a BS in Business Administration, with a Major in Accounting. He is a member of American Health Lawyers Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the American College of Health Care Executives; Health Care Financial Management Association; an Adjunct Professor at West Virginia University; and Rostt of Neutrals, American Arbitration Association. He is a well-known speaker at both the local and national level.

**Dave Macke, FHFMA, MBA**, is a Shareholder with VonLehman & Company Inc., a Regional CPA/Management Consulting firm out of Fort Mitchell, KY. Dave primarily serves home health agencies, hospitals, and skilled nursing facilities in preparing Medicare and Medicaid cost reports and other reimbursement and strategic consulting services. Dave is certified as a Fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association and is a frequent speaker at OCHC educational programs as well as at both the local and national levels. Dave is a member of the Financial Managers Workgroup for the National Association for Home Care and Hospice, and serves on the Ohio Council for Home Care's Education Oversight and Financial Issues Committees. The presenters have the following vested interest in regard to this program – they are providers of consultative services to the home health industry.

**Look for more details on this workshop in September when registration will open!**