

Perspectives

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Rule Adoptions

The Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services has proposed amending N.J.A.C. 10:49-14.1(d) to extend the deadline for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to file any claim or lien against the estate for Medicaid payments correctly made. The current deadline is within 90 days after receiving written notice from the personal representative of the estate or any other interested party of the death of the Medicaid beneficiary. The Department proposes that the deadline be changed from 90 days to three years, saying that this change is necessary due to the existence of tort recoveries and other assets that can fund a decedent's estate after 90 days from the date that the Division receives actual written notice of a beneficiary's death. The Department believes that extending the deadline to three years will better ensure recoveries of amounts paid by, and subsequently due to, the State.

Notice of this adoption appears in the May 20, 2013 *New Jersey Register* at 45 N.J.R. 1249(b). It took effect May 20, 2013.



Health Care Administration Board Activity

The Health Care Administration Board on May 16, 2013 approved Department of Health proposed notice of readoption without change of rules governing general licensure procedures and standards for all licensed facilities set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:43E. This chapter is set to expire on August 18, 2013, with the Department proposing all thirteen subchapters to be readopted without change. These rules apply to every health care facility licensed by the Department under the jurisdiction of the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as set forth at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.

Annual Assisted Living Conference A Success!

HCANJ held its annual assisted living conference on May 22, 2013 at the Sheraton Eatontown. The response from the over 250 attendees and vendors was quite positive. The Commissioner of Health, Mary O'Dowd, began the program by outlining the numerous programs her department is responsible for including the Advanced Standing program. A collaboration between the HCANJ Foundation and Department of Health, the Advanced Standing program is now in its second successful year. The Commissioner congratulated all in attendance who are part of the program.

Other speakers included Nancy Day and Karen Brodsky from the Department of Human Services who spoke in detail on the conversion to Managed Long Term Supports and Services (MLTSS). The Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly, James McCracken, and his associate Elizabeth Seidel provided an update of the programs in that office, as well as provided a detailed presentation on the new Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form.

Roger Bernier of Chelsea Senior Living gave a lively presentation on workforce issues, while the nurses were educated on the latest advances in stroke treatment. Representatives from COMS spoke on measuring quality. The day wrapped up with talk on emergency preparedness.

