

EMTALA Regulatory Series

3 Part Webinar Series

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Starts January 9, 2025

All hospitals, critical access hospitals, rural emergency hospitals must follow the federal law and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations and interpretative guidelines for the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA). This three-part series will focus on overall EMTALA regulations with emphasis on problematic areas of EMTALA concepts, adequacy of medical screening and on-call physician issues.

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Target Audience: This program is intended for all hospitals and health systems including general acute hospitals, critical access hospitals, rural emergency hospitals, and anyone involved with compliance regulations and standards, including but not limited to emergency department staff, obstetrical department staff, governing board members, chief executive officers, chief medical officers, chief nursing officers, physicians, on-call physicians, nurses, quality improvement staff, risk managers, compliance officers and legal counsel, regulatory readiness liaisons, safety officers, department directors, and other interested staff.

January 9, 2025 12:00 - 1:30 pm - Session 1

PART ONE focuses on the basic requirements of EMTALA and available resources to hospitals. The presentation will discuss EMTALA definitions and requirements.

- Describe basic requirements of EMTALA.
- Describe why EMTALA is the most-frequently cited deficiency nationwide.
- Discuss where EMTALA applies in facilities.
- Review examples of how the hospital can keep current on changes in regulations.

January 23 2025 12:00 - 1:30 pm - Session 3

This part will focus on physician involvement with the EMTALA process including:

- How to deal with risky patient situations such as leaving against medical advice and leaving without being seen.
- On-call physician requirements.
- When an on-call physician must appear in the emergency department.
- QIO role in EMTALA survey progress
- Describe on-call physician rules including schedules and when the on-call physician must appear in the emergency department.
- Describe the Office of Inspector General role and recent deficiencies and fines concerning on-call physicians.
- Describe the quality improvement organization's role with EMTALA.
- Examine documentation requirements for challenging patient situations.

January 16, 2025 12:00 - 1:30 pm - Session 2

This part will discuss a range of EMTALA issues including: Adequacy of medical screening examinations, appropriate transfers, EMTALA signage & differences in transfer requirements for ED, observation and inpatients.

- Define what language must be on required EMTALA signage and where it must be located.
- Describe what constitutes an adequate medical screening examination for behavioral health, obstetric and other patients.
- Describe what constitutes an appropriate certification of false labor.
- Illustrate what an appropriate transfer entails and what must be included on the transfer form.

Registration Fees Cover All 3 Sessions

***Each session will be recorded and available on demand to registrants. Handouts provided prior to each session.**

***Each session is 120 minutes, Held from 12:00—2:00 pm central or On-Demand once the recording is available.**

Continuing Education: Contact Hours: 4.5

Application is being made to the following agencies: MN Board of Nursing, MN Board of Social Work, & MN Board of Pharmacy The # of CEU's will be indicated on the certificate of attendance provided to each participant who attends the session. To check on final hours awarded, please contact the Medi-Sota office.

Registration Fees

Medi-Sota Members: \$299 Per Hospital (Not System)

Non-Medi-Sota Members: \$499 Per Hospital

- 1 Registration Fee per hospital (not health system)
- No extra charges for multiple connection lines.
- All participating individuals should register for the workshop, but each facility will receive only one invoice from Medi-Sota following the first webinar attended by individuals from that organization. All registered individuals will be provided connection information and handouts.
- The recording link for each session will be available to all registrants for 60 days.

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Prior to the program, you will receive an email with connection and course materials. Registration Deadline: January 8th, 2024 by 5 pm this ensures all registrants will receive course information & any materials in a timely manner.

If you should have any questions contact
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