NATIONAL MEDICARE ADVOCATES ALLIANCE
Agenda for Monday June 8th, 2009, 2:00 pm Eastern

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Substantive topic discussion: *When is a hospital stay not a hospital stay? When the patient is in "observation status."*
   a. Presentation of Issue Brief
   b. Discussion of favorable observation status ALJ case
   c. Discussion of Massachusetts observation v. admission case
   d. Litigation strategies and policy efforts
   e. Update on advocacy through the office of the Medicare Ombudsman
3. Identified cases from Alliance Members
   a. Medical improvement
   b. Failure of a SNF to implement hospital-ordered therapy services
4. Other issues and cases from the field
5. Legislative Update
6. Wrap-up and Adjournment

*We ask those calling from the same location to gather around one telephone, if possible. This frees up lines and holds down costs to the Center, as we have to pay for each line used.*

The dates for the remaining calls in 2009 are August 10, October 19, and December 14. (The October call is the only one not held on the second Monday of the month, due to the Columbus Day Holiday, which is October 12th.) Each call will last an hour and will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Eastern Time. **The Call-in number for the Alliance calls is 1-888-206-2266; pass code: 1050263#.**