

NATIONAL MEDICARE ADVOCATES ALLIANCE
Agenda for Monday, December 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time

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1. Introductions and ground rules
2. Medicare Hospice Coverage and Appeals
   a. Discussion of coverage and appeals
   b. Recent litigation to establish an appeals process when a Medicare-participating hospice refuses to provide a requested service or medication
   c. Q&A – we encourage your active participation, including raising questions about hospice access and coverage problems in your area; creative solutions; and client stories
3. General Medicare Questions and Concerns
4. Legislative Update
5. Litigation Update
6. Searchable Data Base of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) decisions
7. Planning for 2010, including an online member survey
8. Wrap-up

Other items


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

Please take a look at the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) searchable data base at the following link: [http://www.medicareadvocacy.org/ALJDecisions/ALJSearch.asp](http://www.medicareadvocacy.org/ALJDecisions/ALJSearch.asp). We would like your feedback on using the data base. Comments can be sent to Alfred Chiplin at achiplin@medicareadvocacy.org.

We will soon send out a member survey to obtain input for topics for Alliance calls in 2010.