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## **Axxess Helps Home Health Organizations Understand Changes Issued in Final Rule by CMS**

*Comprehensive training webinars offered on important changes effective January 1*

DALLAS (Dec. xx, 2014) - [Axxess](#), an industry leader in home health management software and the only software vendor accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), is offering training during December and January to help organizations transition to the requirements in the final rule, issued last month by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), effective January 1, 2015.

The Affordable Care Act requires CMS to update Medicare's Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) rates and wage index as part of a four-year phase-in of the rebasing adjustments. This final rule implements the second year of decreasing payments to home health agencies. The changes also affect the face-to-face encounter documentation, HH PPS case-mix weights, quality reporting program, therapy reassessment timeframes, speech-language pathology personnel qualifications, reviewability of the civil monetary penalties, coverage of insulin injections, delay of ICD-10-CM and a value-based purchasing model.

"The final rule's extensive changes will significantly impact home health organizations," said John Olajide, CEO of Axxess. "Paramount to a smooth transition, which will reduce the risk of noncompliance penalties, is comprehensive training on the final rule along with use of an updated technology system." To ease compliance, Axxess offers practical, authoritative education as well as updated, compliant software solutions.

Attendees of the convenient two-day webinars on “**Final Rule Changes 2014: What You Need to Know**” will learn:

Part 1:

- New guidelines for face-to-face encounter documentation
- Changed guidelines for therapy reassessments
- OASIS-C1 and ICD-10-CM timelines
- Speech Therapy qualification requirements

Part 2:

- Prospective Payment System rate changes
- National per-visit rate changes
- Changes to the non-routine medical supply conversions

Register [online](#). Attendees will earn 1 CEU for Part 1 and 1.5 CEUs for Part 2 of the training, available six times as follows:

- December 15 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- Part One
- December 18 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- Part Two
- December 22 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- Part One
- December 29 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- Part Two
- January 5 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- Part One
- January 8 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- Part Two
- January 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- Part One
- January 15 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- Part Two

The webinars are led by Axxess Training Manager **Tamara Brown**, BSN, RN, who has a wealth of home health and hospital industry experience. Prior to joining Axxess, she served in nursing and leadership roles for the Visiting Nurses Association, Reliant North Texas rehabilitation hospital, Capstone Healthcare Agency, and Baylor Health Care System’s emergency department. Brown is a member of the Texas Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association. She is committed to the success of the home care industry and has a passion for teaching and supporting others.

**About Axxess**

Dallas-based [Axxess](http://www.axxess.com) is a leading health care software company that provides cloud-based software to the home health care industry. The comprehensive and user-friendly software solutions by Axxess empower home health agencies and improve their efficiency by integrating all aspects of their operations so, they can focus their attention on what matters most: patient care. The innovative software solutions by Axxess put all care and administrative aspects of a home health care agency at the fingertips of providers and managers and have propelled Axxess to quickly become the industry's fastest growing home health software company. Axxess is the only home health software provider accredited by the ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center) and is a member of HL7 (Health Level Seven International, the global authority on standards for interoperability of health information technology). Axxess is a member of the Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation (AHHQI), the National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC), and major state associations nationwide. For more information, visit [www.axxess.com](http://www.axxess.com).

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