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## “Update on Medicare Appeals and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Backlog” Webinar (#T4090)

Thursday, December 14, 2017  
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### Program Overview:

In the past few years, providers relying on the Medicare appeals process to obtain or retain reimbursement for their services have been adversely impacted by the backlog at the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) level of appeal of over 650,000 pending appeals. This webinar will provide an update on the ALJ backlog, trends regarding provider success rates in the appeals process, and recent changes in the Medicare Appeals process and the Recovery Auditor program process undertaken to address the backlog. We will also offer some insights based on own experiences with the appeal process for hospital providers, including inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and for physicians.

### Learning Objectives:

At the completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss status of the OMHA Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Backlog;
2. Explain new initiatives and rules related to the ALJ Backlog and future/potential changes;
3. Assess the potential impact of the ALJ Backlog on providers and the appeals process;
4. Describe recent trends for administrative appeal decisions; and
5. Examine current and anticipated issues for hospitals and physicians.

### Target Audience:

Key stakeholders including hospital executive leaders, utilization review, compliance officers and in-house counsel.

### Faculty:

#### **Lanchi Bombalier, Partner, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP**

Lanchi Nguyen Bombalier is a partner in the Healthcare Practice. She focuses her practice on providing regulatory counsel for a variety of clients in the healthcare industry, including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other ancillary service providers. She represents providers before federal administrative agencies, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and state agencies, on reimbursement issues, Medicare/Medicaid certification, voluntary disclosures, licensure, and certificate of need matters, among others. She has defended multiple long-term care companies in actions under the federal False Claims Act, and has served as healthcare regulatory counsel in the acquisition, merger, and restructuring of large national long-term care and hospice providers. She obtained her joint-degree in law and public health from Emory University, and is also a licensed physical therapist in Georgia.

*The speaker has no real or perceived conflicts of interest that relate to this presentation.*

### Registration Fee:

**\$195** per site for MHA members

**\$295** per site for non-members

**The registration deadline is December 7th.** Advance registration is required to ensure the delivery of instructional materials.

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**If you have not received a confirmation notice 48 hours prior to the program, please call Leslie Couturier at (207) 622-4794 to confirm your registration has been received.**

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## Registration Form

### Webinar: Update on Medicare Appeals and ALJ Backlog

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