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Elder Abuse and Fraud

What Home Care Workers Need to Know

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

Wednesday, July 16, 2008 • 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)
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Tens of thousands of seniors across the United States are being abused: harmed in some substantial way often by people who are directly responsible for their care. More than half a million reports of abuse against elderly Americans reach authorities every year, and millions of more cases go unreported. A National Elder Abuse Incidence Study found that reported elder abuse cases make up only the “tip of the iceberg” as many elder abuse experts had long believed. The study found that for every reported incident of elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, or self-neglect, approximately five go unreported.

Financial exploitation of senior citizens includes many issues. It may occur when a durable power of attorney document or joint bank account ownership is misused. Financial exploitation also may occur when guardians or conservators misuse their authority over wards and their estates. Further, financial exploitation may occur when fraud or undue influence is used to gain control over an elder’s real estate and personal property and financial resources. Financial exploitation may occur when parties to a real estate transfer fail to provide reasonable consideration for the transfer. Finally, financial exploitation may occur when an elder consumer is victimized by consumer scams, telemarketing fraud, sweepstakes fraud, predatory lending, and other scams that target elderly persons.

What are the signs of elderly abuse and fraud? How can we help prevent this? If it has already happened what can be done? These are just a few of the questions that will be discussed during this conference.

Program Objectives:

1. Define the term “Adult in Need of Protection.”
2. Recognize the signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
3. Describe how and when to make reports involving adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
4. Describe what the Department of Human Resources is mandated to do when a report is received.
5. Recognize possible indications of identity theft and fake check scams.
6. Discuss the employee’s responsibility in reporting abuse and fraud.

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Satellite Conference and Webcast Details:

Target Audience: Home health aides, home attendants and other lay professionals and family workers who administer and care for patients in the home setting.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn

Cost: There is no cost to view.

CEUs Approved: None

Satellite Technical Information: Ku & C bands.

Webcast Information: Register at www.adph.org/alphtn. To view the webcast, you need RealPlayer. Test your computer before the day of the program from the “test connection” link at www.adph.org/alphtn. On the day of the program, go to www.adph.org/alphtn. Click on the “view webcast” link.

Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program.

Questions For Faculty: If you have questions that you want addressed during the conference, you may fax or email those questions and a response will be given during the program.

Email: alphtnquestions@adph.state.al.us or fax: 334.206.5640.

Conference Detail Questions: If you have questions about any of these conference details, call 334.206.5618 or email: alphtn@adph.state.al.us

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