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NORTH TEXAS HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
Invites Members and Guests to Our Next Study Group & Complimentary Luncheon
“Equal Visitation: Medicare & Joint Commission Requirements, Pitfalls & Practicalities”
Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dallas Ft Worth Hospital Council
250 Decker Drive, Irving, TX 75062-2706
Light Complimentary Lunch Provided
RSVP [here](#) By Noon on November 15

The North Texas Healthcare Compliance Professionals Association (NTHCPA) invites you to join us on **Wednesday, November 16, 2011** from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** for a complimentary lunch and program on **“Equal Visitation: Medicare & Joint Commission Requirements, Pitfalls & Practicalities”** facilitated by attorney and NTHCPA Vice President Cynthia Marcotte Stamer. R.S.V.P. for the meeting [here](#) by Noon on Tuesday, November 15 to confirm your lunch.

Medicare and the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations both recently have issued additional guidance and announced stepped up emphasis on compliance with equal visitation and related requirements finalized by Medicare in 2010. These “equal visitation” rules generally mandate that hospitals and other covered parties honor the wishes of patients about who will be allowed to visit, as well as a host of other rules about when hospitals must honor patient preferences that individuals selected by the patient be allowed to attend appointments, participate in health care decision-making discussions, receive information and participate in a wide range of activities. Proper implementation and defensible administration of care in accordance with these new requirements raises an obvious need for providers to reexamine and update policies, practices and training on HIPAA, visitor and patient representative access and involvement, patient notification and consent, documentation, and a wide range of other requirements and practices. See [Modern Health Care "Bumpy Road For Equal Visitation"](#).

Join us for a brief review and update on the latest Medicare & Joint Commission guidance, and join with other health care compliance professionals in discussing practical challenges, experiences and practices for addressing these new requirements.

RSVP & Register Meetings

NTHCPA meetings are open to all NTHCPA members and other interested health care compliance professionals. Participation in the meeting is complimentary. Participants are responsible for any parking charges incurred.

A complimentary light lunch will be provided at the NTHCPA November 16, 2011 meeting for those who R.S.V.P. by Noon on November 15, 2011. To help us to notify you about upcoming meetings and to arrange for adequate space for this and other meetings, interested persons are encouraged to forward their current contact information including e-mail to Vice-President Cynthia Marcotte Stamer at R.S.V.P. for the meeting [here](#) or by e-mail [here](#) by Noon on Tuesday, November 15. Walk in guests will be accommodated on a space-available basis.

Membership, Upcoming Meeting Announcements & Other NTHCPA News

Would you or someone you know like to join the NTHCPA or get notice of upcoming meetings or events? Interested persons are encouraged to make sure we have your current contact information by sending your current contact information including name, title, company, preferred mailing address, e-mail, and telephone number to Vice-President Cynthia Marcotte Stamer or by e-mail [here](#) Stay on top of information about upcoming meetings and share and dialogue with other NTHCPA members about health care compliance challenges and developments by joining our Linked In Group [here](#) and checking out the NTHCPA News [here](#).

About the NTHCPA & Involvement

NTHCPA exists to champion ethical practice and compliance standards and to provide the necessary resources for ethics and compliance Professionals and others in North Texas who share these principles. The vision of NTHCPA is to be a pre-eminent compliance and ethics group promoting lasting success and integrity of organizations within North Texas. To register or update your registration or to receive notice of future meetings, e-mail [here](#).

Volunteering To Get More Involved

Would you like to get more involved? We encourage persons interested in serving on the steering committee, sponsoring refreshments for an upcoming meeting, wish to suggesting topics or speakers, or seeking more information about membership or involvement with the NTHCPA to contact:

NTHCPA President Erma Lee at (817) 927-1232 or by e-mail [here](#) or

Vice-President Cynthia Marcotte Stamer at (214) 452-8297 or by e-mail [here](#)

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Please share this invitation with others who might be interested in this topic or other NTHCPA events!