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2012 NAELA September 12 Webinar: Medicare Home Health Coverage for People with Long-term and Chronic Conditions

Speaker Biographies

The [Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc.](#), established in 1986, is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides education, advocacy and legal assistance to help older people and people with disabilities obtain fair access to Medicare and necessary health care. The Center is headquartered in Connecticut and Washington, DC with offices throughout the country.

Judith Stein, JD – Executive Director

Judith Stein founded the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc. in 1986 where she is currently the Executive Director. Ms. Stein has focused on legal representation of the elderly since beginning her legal career in 1975. From 1977 until 1986, Ms. Stein was the Co-Director of Legal Assistance to Medicare Patients (LAMP) where she managed the first Medicare advocacy program in the country. She has extensive experience in developing and administering Medicare advocacy projects, representing Medicare beneficiaries, producing educational materials, teaching and consulting. She has been lead or co-counsel in numerous federal class action and individual cases challenging improper Medicare policies and denials.

Ms. Stein graduated cum laude from Williams College in 1972 and received her law degree with honors from Catholic University School of Law in 1975. She is the editor and co-author of books, articles, and other publications regarding Medicare and related issues including the Medicare Handbook (Aspen Publishers, Inc., 13th Edition, 2011; update annually) and a contributor to the on-line periodical, Neiman Watchdog. Ms. Stein is a Past President and a Fellow of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), a past Commissioner of the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, an elected member of the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI), and a recipient of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA, now CMS) Beneficiary Services Certificate of Merit. She represented Senator Christopher Dodd as a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging and received the Connecticut Commission on Aging “Age-wise Advocate Award” in 2007.

Margaret M. Murphy, JD – Associate Director

Margaret Murphy is the Center for Medicare Advocacy's Associate Director. Located in the Center's Connecticut office, Ms. Murphy supervises the Center's Medicare administrative appeals projects and the work of the Center's attorneys and staff. She is a co-counsel in the Center's federal class action challenging the improvement standard and various individual cases challenging improper Medicare policies and denials. Prior to joining the Center in June, 2008, Ms. Murphy worked for more than 20 years as a trusts and estates attorney. Ms. Murphy has been appointed by Connecticut probate courts to represent incapacitated adults, and has been an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University School of Law. She is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, and the Executive Committee of the Elder Law Section. She speaks and writes frequently on Medicare and other legal issues. Ms. Murphy has a JD from the University Of Connecticut School Of Law and her BA from Mt. Holyoke College.