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Complimentary Webinar Series to Explore Trends Impacting Medical Management:
Thought leaders to offer valuable insights in RegQuest-sponsored presentations

Annapolis, MD / PRWeb / March 17, 2016 - [RegQuest™](http://RegQuest.com), one of the nation's premier online regulatory compliance resources focusing on medical management and insurance functions, is sponsoring a three-part webinar series that will offer participants informative and insightful guidance on the transformation of medical management programs and regulations. The complimentary webinar sessions will explore key aspects relevant to Utilization Management (UM), Mental Health Parity, and External Review (ER).

"In the emerging population health environment and integrated healthcare landscape, medical directors, UM nurses, managed care staff and others must navigate a complex array of industry and regulatory requirements to be successful. When it comes to the medical management system, regulatory compliance is becoming more and more challenging due to the patchwork quilt of overlapping requirements, which are not always consistent," notes RegQuest co-Founder, Garry Carneal, JD, MA.

The three-part webinar series will help provide a roadmap that helps attendees to navigate these challenges. Some of the regulatory trends have not been discussed before, which makes the presentations a must-attend event.

Webinar topics include:

- **Session I: Utilization Management: Analyzing Regulatory and Industry Trends**
 - **Date & Time:** April 6, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. ET
 - **Description:** The session will examine the evolution of utilization management (UM) programs and related medical management functions over the past three decades with a detailed overview of how UM programs are regulated and operationalized today. The speakers will highlight the impact of recent regulatory reforms on the ways that health plans make "medical necessity" and "scope of coverage" determinations, and how the appeals process works when a "denial" of care or adverse benefit determination is made. In addition, the presentation will review the scope, licensure, reviewer qualifications and other UM regulatory requirements. The session will also examine liability issues associated with the "corporate practice of medicine". Finally, the session will address how UM and care management programs are currently deployed to support integration, workflow efficiencies and improved clinical outcomes. To register, click [here](#).
 - **Speakers:**

- Julie O'Brien, BSN, RN, MS, President, AliCare Medical Management
 - Garry Carneal, JD, MA, co-Founder, RegQuest and Former President & CEO, URAC
 - Catie Spivey, JD, Senior Legal Counsel, RegQuest (Session Moderator)
- **Session II: Mental Health Parity: Achieving Equality in Care**
 - **Date & Time:** April 28, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. ET
 - **Description:** With the adoption of the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addition Equity Act of 2008 (MHPEA), much attention has been focused on the integration of mental health and substance use disorders into mainstream medicine. This session will focus on legislation passed since 2008 designed to increase compliance with the federal law and to strengthen state laws, common violations and tracking efforts, and look to the future. The presenters will also touch base on the importance of Americans understanding their rights under parity laws and how to take action if their behavior health treatment is being unfairly restricted. To register, click [here](#).
 - **Speakers:**
 - Tim Clement, MPH, Policy Director, Scattergood Foundation & ParityTrack
 - Garry Carneal, JD, MA, co-Founder, RegQuest and Senior Policy Advisor, The Kennedy Forum
 - Catie Spivey, JD, Senior Legal Counsel, RegQuest (Session Moderator)
- **Session III: External Review: Navigating Nuances in Regulatory and Market Trends**
 - **Date & Time:** May 24, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. ET
 - **Description:** As consumers take on a more active role in their health care decisions, the importance of external review (ER) has grown. However, compliance with state and federal ER laws can be a nuanced endeavor. In this informative session, industry leaders will examine ER regulatory requirements and focus on the important part these regulations play in consumer protection and ensuring appropriate care is provided for patients, and oversight of health plans. In addition, an analysis of the differences between state law and the NAIC Uniform Model Act will be reviewed. To register, click [here](#).
 - **Speakers:**
 - Tom Naughton, President, Health Division for MAXIMUS Federal
 - Julie O'Brien, BSN, RN, MS, President, AliCare Medical Management and President, National Association of Independent Review Organizations (NAIRO)
 - Gib P. Smith, Executive Director, NAIRO
 - Catie Spivey, JD, Senior Legal Counsel, RegQuest (Session Moderator)

“The webinar series offers an important opportunity to hear from thought leaders on the complex web of rules, policies and practices that affect how medical care is actually paid for and who is impacted in the process,” says Michael Gomes, RegQuest co-Founder and former Executive Vice President of Sales and Operations with BenefitMall. “From the Affordable Care Act to MHPEA, a number of factors are having a significant impact on the delivery of care and the medical management system as a whole.”

To find out more about these webinars, visit www.regquest.com or click [here](#) to register. A Q&A session will follow each presentation, so don't miss this opportunity to hear from national experts on the topics impacting medical management.

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About RegQuest (www.RegQuest.com)

RegQuest, *Your Regulatory Compliance Resource*, details many of the business, legal and regulatory forces directly impacting the medical management system, including requirements adopted under the Affordable Care Act. In addition, the guide serves as the definitive resource of detailing how regulatory and business trends are affecting medical management practices. RegQuest was created in conjunction with Schooner Strategies and EBG Advisors with private funding.