

MEDICAID UPDATES



Course Description: Providers must understand the ever-changing regulations of the Medicaid program in their state in order to be compliant and to effectively advocate for coverage and quality services for their clients.

Providers find navigating the Medicaid system challenging, quite often having more questions than answers. This presentation from a member of the Medicaid Committee and STAR Representative for Vermont will provide an update, guidance, resources and answers for some of the most common questions about Medicaid.

Learning Outcomes

After participating in this course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify resources to answer common Medicaid questions.
2. List ways to advocate for their clients.

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