



# 2024

Iowa Hospital Association  
**WEBINAR SERIES**

## **Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program**

10 a.m.-Noon Tuesday, Nov. 19

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

This online seminar will discuss the new interpretative guidelines for QAPI that were published in March 2023, the QAPI program conditions of participation for critical access hospitals that were effective March 30, 2021, and the changes made to the conditions of participation for general acute hospitals that went into effect Nov. 29, 2019. This is one of three conditions of participation for which CMS has published a worksheet to guide surveyors through the process to determine whether hospitals comply with this condition.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Discuss the board responsibility for the QAPI program.
- Explain changes to the general acute hospital QAPI standards and interpretative guidelines.
- Explain the basic requirements for an effective QAPI program.
- Review the QAPI worksheet so staff understand surveyor expectations.

### **INTENDED AUDIENCE**

Ancillary department directors including pharmacy, laboratory and radiology.

- CEOs.
- Chief medical officers.
- Chief nursing officers.
- Compliance officers and legal counsel.
- Department directors.
- Infection control officers.
- Network liaisons.
- Nurses.
- Physicians.
- Quality improvement staff.
- Risk managers.
- Safety officers
- Trustees.

### **SPEAKER**

**Nancy Ruzicka** is a consultant on state and federal rules, regulations and interpretative guidelines. Ruzicka previously worked as director of integrity and compliance and privacy official at MercyOne Des Moines and director

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of regulatory compliance at UnityPoint Health-Des Moines. She also has more than 20 years of experience with the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Ruzicka holds master's degrees in health law and business administration and a bachelor's degree in pharmacy, all from Drake University. She is certified in health care compliance and maintains her Iowa pharmacy license.

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