

## STATE NEWS

The **California Association for Healthcare Quality (CAHQ)** and Janet Brown, author of *The Healthcare Quality Handbook*, announce the 2010 Healthcare Quality Overview and Certification Workshops, to be held February 11–12, July 15–16, and October 14–15 at the Ontario Airport Marriott Hotel, adjacent to the Ontario International Airport, in Ontario, CA. For more information and brochure, visit [www.cahq.org](http://www.cahq.org) or contact Don Gilbert, association manager, at 800/230-3163.

The **Florida Association for Healthcare Quality (FAHQ)** will hold its 2010 Annual Conference, “Starlight in the Sunshine: Best Practices Across the Healthcare Spectrum,” on April 22–23 at the Sonesta Hotel Downtown Orlando in Orlando, FL. Keynote speakers include NAHQ President Linda Scribner, who will discuss “Focused Professional Practice Evaluation (FPPE): So What’s a Coordinator to Do?” and Kate O’Rourke, network manager, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), who will discuss IHI’s Improvement Map. The conference presents evidenced-based best practices in areas such as survey readiness, patient safety, infection control, prevention, patient satisfaction, patient throughput, and rapid response teams. The conference is preceded by 2 days of preconference programs. A CPHQ preparation class will be held on April 20–21, including an interactive workshop on the use of “positive deviance.” For more information, visit [www.fahq.org](http://www.fahq.org).

The **Illinois Association for Healthcare Quality** will hold its annual education program, “In Pursuit of Excellence and Recognition for Achievement,” on April 23 at the Holiday Inn Chicago Oakbrook in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Visit [www.iahq.net](http://www.iahq.net) for more information.

As of January 1, Paula Dustin, RN, a quality systems specialist from Maine General Health in Augusta, ME, is the new president of the **Maine Association for Healthcare Quality (MaineAHQ)**. One of Paula’s goals is to continue the long-time MAHQ tradition of providing meaningful educational programs that will help CPHQs attain the required CEUs for renewals. In addition, the MAHQ membership has selected other new officers for 2010: Jennifer Charette as president-elect, Joanne Fuller as treasurer, and Bill Zuber as secretary. Meanwhile, the March Education session on electronic medical records and risk will be held on March 19 (9 am–3 pm) at the Maine Hospital Association. Sign-up confirmation will start next month. For more information, visit [www.maineahq.org](http://www.maineahq.org).

The **Mississippi Association for Healthcare Quality (MsAHQ)** will hold its 2010 Spring Conference, “The Many Faces of Healthcare Quality,” on April 9 at the Norman C. Nelson Student Union at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS. The conference will feature a state legislative update and sessions on Patient Safety Issues, Handling Complaints, and Patient-Centered Care and Quality of Life. Continuing education credit is sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health Division of Professional Development. Conference presenters will include long-term care specialist Catherine “Cat” Selman, Mississippi Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant, and Stephanie Iorio of American Data Network. For more information, visit [www.missahq.org](http://www.missahq.org).

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Debra V. Aschenbrenner, RN, president of the **Nevada Association for Healthcare Quality (NvAHQ)**, reports that NvAHQ is currently looking for outside sponsorship for its presentations and events. Two major events are planned this year: a mock trial and a presentation on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the electronic health record for healthcare professionals across the continuum of care. Information on CEUs will be available soon. For more information, contact Aschenbrenner at 702/492-8733 or [Debra.Aschenbrenner@chw.edu](mailto:Debra.Aschenbrenner@chw.edu).

The **Texas Association for Healthcare Quality (TAHQ)** has a new executive administrator, Samara Sanchez, who can be reached at 877/756-4400 or [info@txquality.org](mailto:info@txquality.org). TAHQ is offering a CPHQ training course on April 22–23 at Tarrant County Public Health’s Baker Education Classroom in Fort Worth, TX. Please visit [www.txquality.org](http://www.txquality.org) to view the course brochure.