

# Education Program

## **Kansas Organization of Skilled Care Professionals**

### **Fall Conference**

**October 6-7, 2026**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Wichita Airport  
2098 S Airport Road  
Wichita, KS 67209**



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# AGENDA

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## Tuesday, October 6

- 12:30 p.m. Registration
- 1:00 p.m. **Swing Bed Quality That Works:  
Understanding Measures and Capturing Real Improvement**  
Susan Runyan, Healthworks
- 2:30 p.m. **Navigating PASRR: A Practical Guide for Providers**  
Andrea Parrett, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services  
Lynzee Backus, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. **Bundled Payments: The Future of Swing Bed Care**  
Jennifer Findley, Kansas Hospital Association  
Shannan Flach, Kansas Hospital Association
- 4:45 p.m. **From Policy to Practice: Legislative Updates Impacting Skilled Care**  
Jaron Caffrey, Kansas Hospital Association
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

## Wednesday, October 7

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and Business Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. **Survey Ready: A Conversation with KDHE Surveyors**  
Becky Plate, Facilities & Licensing, Kansas Department of Health & Environment  
Yolonda Johnson, Facilities & Licensing, Kansas Department of Health & Environment
- 9:00 a.m. **Strengthening the Referral Process Panel Discussion**  
Monica Forrest, Director of Marketing | Business Development, Kingman Healthcare Center  
Marissa Gehring, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Kingman Healthcare Center  
Melinda Hageman, Social Worker, Kingman Healthcare Center
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. **When There Is No Clear Decision-Maker:  
Navigating Advance Directives, Guardianship and Patient Decision-Making**  
Amanda Wilwert, JD, Spencer Fane LLP
- 11:15 a.m. **Beyond the Regulations:  
Documentation, Utilization Review and Defensible Reimbursement in the “Gotcha” Era**  
Brenda Groves, KFMC Health Improvement Partners
- 12:15 p.m. Networking Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. **Change Management**  
Kristie Jones, Wesley Healthcare
- 2:45 p.m. **Beyond the Discharge Order**  
Richelle Marting, JD, Marting Law
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn

# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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## **Swing Bed Quality That Works: Understanding Measures and Capturing Real Improvement**

Susan Runyan, Healthworks

This session helps Critical Access Hospitals strengthen swing bed performance by focusing on the quality measures currently monitored across Kansas and the practical ways to document quality improvement work. Participants will learn how to interpret swing bed data, identify meaningful trends, and capture improvement activities in simple, useful formats that support learning, communication, and accountability.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Describe the swing bed quality measures currently tracked across Kansas and how they reflect care processes.
- Interpret swing bed data to identify trends, gaps, and opportunities for improvement.
- Identify quality improvement work using simple, practical methods that support PDSA cycles and team communication.

## **Navigating PASRR: A Practical Guide for Providers**

Andrea Parrett, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Lynzee Backus, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

For hospitals coordinating discharge to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities, understanding Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is an important part of supporting timely and appropriate transitions of care. Knowing which PASRR pathway applies and what needs to happen before nursing facility admission can help hospital teams plan ahead and avoid unnecessary delays.

This session will break down the core concepts of PASRR from the hospital perspective, including the different types of assessments and pathways that may apply, such as Special Admissions, Level I assessments, and Level II evaluations.

Participants will also learn about circumstances that may affect the PASRR process, including terminal illness, coma or persistent vegetative state, and dementia, as well as when further evaluation may or may not be required.

Through a practical look at PASRR, attendees will gain a better understanding of the process, learn how to determine which type of assessment may be needed, and understand the hospital's role in supporting timely transitions to nursing facility care. The session will also provide an update on Kansas' move toward ePASRR and how the new electronic process will help simplify PASRR and improve coordination among hospitals, nursing facilities, and other partners.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Explain the purpose of PASRR and how it applies when transitioning individuals from a hospital to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility.
- Differentiate between common PASRR pathways, including Special Admissions, Level I assessments, and Level II evaluations.
- Recognize circumstances that may affect PASRR requirements.
- Identify the hospital's role in initiating PASRR and coordinating the appropriate process before nursing facility admission.
- Apply basic PASRR concepts to discharge planning to help reduce delays and support appropriate transitions of care.
- Recognize what hospitals can expect with the transition to ePASRR.

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## **Bundled Payments: The Future of Swing Bed Care**

Jennifer Findley, Kansas Hospital Association

Shannan Flach, Kansas Hospital Association

This session will provide an update on the upcoming Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Expanded Model, a new mandatory CMS initiative launching January 1, 2027. Designed to advance value-based care, CJR-X includes key changes that will impact original Medicare patients undergoing hip, knee, and ankle replacements performed in the inpatient and outpatient hospital settings. There will be a focus on post-acute care coordination, and potential use of services like Swing Bed. Jennifer Findley and Shannan Flach will highlight key model components like model design, quality reporting and strategies for swing bed programs.

**Learning Objective:** Identify key components of the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Expanded Model and describe the potential impact on rural hospitals and post-acute care services.

## **From Policy to Practice: Legislative Updates Impacting Skilled Care**

Jaron Caffrey, Kansas Hospital Association

State and federal policy decisions continue to shape how rural hospitals and post-acute care providers deliver services in their communities. This legislative update will highlight the latest developments affecting skilled care, swing-bed programs and rural hospitals, with a particular focus on federal proposals that could create new opportunities for rural providers.

Attendees will hear the latest on the Rural Emergency Hospital Designation Improvement Act (REH 2.0), including proposed changes that would allow Rural Emergency Hospitals to provide swing-bed skilled nursing services and other flexibilities designed to strengthen the REH model. The session also will address other timely state and federal legislative and regulatory developments and what providers should be watching in the months ahead.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Describe key state and federal legislative developments affecting rural hospitals, swing-bed programs and skilled care providers.
- Explain proposed changes included in REH 2.0 and their potential impact on rural health care delivery and skilled nursing services.
- Identify emerging policy and regulatory issues that may affect post-acute care services and provider operations.

## **Survey Ready: A Conversation with KDHE Surveyors**

Becky Plate, Facilities & Licensing, Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Yolonda Johnson, Facilities & Licensing, Kansas Department of Health & Environment

What does survey readiness look like from the surveyor's perspective? Join KDHE surveyors Becky Plate and Yolonda Johnson for a practical conversation about the survey process and how providers can prepare before surveyors arrive. Drawing on their experience conducting hospital, home health and other provider surveys, they will discuss what to expect during a survey, lessons from recent survey activity, common areas of concern and strategies for maintaining readiness year-round. The session also will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and engage directly with KDHE surveyors in an open dialogue about compliance, preparation and the survey experience.

**Learning Objective:** Describe key strategies for preparing for the survey process and maintaining ongoing regulatory readiness.

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## **Strengthening the Referral Process Panel Discussion**

Monica Forrest, Director of Marketing | Business Development, Kingman Healthcare Center  
Marissa Gehring, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Kingman Healthcare Center  
Melinda Hageman, Social Worker, Kingman Healthcare Center

Growing a successful swing bed program requires more than providing excellent care; it requires intentional outreach, strong referral relationships, and ongoing collaboration across the organization. This interactive panel will explore practical strategies hospitals are using to strengthen referrals, increase awareness, and maximize swing bed opportunities. Panelists will share lessons learned, successful marketing approaches, and creative ideas attendees can take back to their organizations.

**Learning Objective:** Identify opportunities to strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration in the swing bed referral process to improve patient transitions, care coordination, and program outcomes.

## **When There Is No Clear Decision-Maker:**

### **Navigating Advance Directives, Guardianship and Patient Decision-Making**

Amanda Wilwert, Partner, Spencer Fane LLP

Healthcare professionals are frequently faced with complex situations in which patients are unable to make their own medical decisions, yet there is no advance directive, no readily available family member, or uncertainty about who has the legal authority to act on the patient's behalf. These situations can delay care, create ethical concerns, and leave healthcare teams unsure of the appropriate next steps.

This session will provide an overview of advance directives, durable powers of attorney for healthcare, surrogate decision-making, and the guardianship process. Through real-world examples and case-based discussion, attendees will gain a better understanding of the legal framework in Kansas, common challenges encountered in practice, and strategies for working collaboratively with legal counsel, providers, and care teams to ensure timely, patient-centered decision-making.

## **Learning Objectives:**

- Identify the legal hierarchy of healthcare decision-makers when a patient is unable to make medical decisions.
- Differentiate between advance directives, durable powers of attorney for healthcare, and guardianship, including when each is applicable.
- Recognize practical steps healthcare teams can take when no surrogate decision-maker is available and understand when legal intervention may be necessary.
- Develop team-based strategies that align clinical staff, utilization review, case management, and leadership around defensible documentation practices.

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## **Beyond the Regulations: Documentation, Utilization Review & Defensible Reimbursement in the “Gotcha” Era**

Brenda Groves, KFMC Health Improvement Partners

Healthcare organizations know the regulations, yet many continue to struggle with claim denials, audit findings, documentation vulnerabilities, and increasing payer scrutiny. In today's reimbursement environment, it is no longer enough to provide appropriate care. Organizations must be able to demonstrate medical necessity, patient progression, and clinical decision-making through a defensible medical record.

Using real-world case studies, this session explores the intersection of documentation, utilization review, risk management, and reimbursement. Participants will learn how reviewers interpret the medical record, identify common documentation pitfalls, and implement practical strategies that strengthen compliance and support reimbursement. Special emphasis will be placed on helping leaders create documentation practices that withstand scrutiny long after the patient has been discharged.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Identify documentation practices that support medical necessity, reimbursement, and regulatory compliance while reducing denial risk.
- Analyze real-world documentation vulnerabilities that may contribute to claim denials, audits, and payment recoupments.

## **Change Management**

Kristie Jones, Wesley Healthcare

Change is a constant in health care, but navigating it effectively starts with understanding our own response to change. This session will help participants reflect on how change affects them personally, recognize the emotions and stress that can come with transition, and make more intentional decisions about how to move forward. Attendees will leave with practical tools and a personalized change management plan to help them navigate change with greater confidence and resilience.

**Learning Objective:** Develop a personal change management plan using practical strategies to reflect on, respond to and navigate change more effectively.

## **Beyond the Discharge Order**

Richelle Marting, JD, Marting Law

Navigating Medicare Advantage utilization management and prior authorization requirements can be particularly challenging for rural hospitals, swing-bed programs and skilled nursing providers, especially when those requirements affect a patient's transition to post-acute care. A discharge order may be only the beginning of a complex process involving plan requirements, authorization decisions and potential delays in moving patients to the appropriate next level of care.

This session will provide practical guidance for navigating the transition from hospital to swing bed or post-acute care under Medicare Advantage plan rules. Attendees will explore Medicare Advantage requirements and limitations for prior authorization, the differences between standard and expedited reviews, and options available to members and providers when prior authorization requests are denied. The discussion will focus on the challenges facing rural hospitals, swing-bed programs and skilled nursing providers and strategies for supporting timely, appropriate transitions of care.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Describe Medicare Advantage plan rules and limitations for prior authorization.
- Recognize the distinction between standard and expedited reviews.
- List options for member and provider disputes of prior authorization denials.

# INFORMATION

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## Who Should Attend

This conference is intended for nurses, discharge planners, swing bed coordinators, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists and other health care professionals serving seniors.

## Attire

Business casual attire is suggested for this conference. The temperature in meeting rooms is somewhat difficult to control; therefore, we recommend you dress in layers to allow for these variances.

## Special Services

The Kansas Hospital Association wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded or denied services because of to the absence of auxiliary aids or services. If you need any of the aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact Hayley Finch-Genschorck at (785) 233-7436 or [hfinch@kha-net.org](mailto:hfinch@kha-net.org).

## Conference Location and Accommodations

This conference will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport, 2098 S Airport Rd, Wichita, KS 67209. A block of rooms has been reserved for the night of October 6 at the rate of \$119, plus tax. The room block will be available until September 5. After that, reservations will be taken on space-available basis. Call (316) 945-5272 and ask for the KHA/KOSCP room block to receive the special rate.

## Hotel Reservation Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ictardt-scp-726fbe4f-ceaf-4a7b-91d9-952e49a2274d/>

## Continuing Nursing Education

The Kansas Hospital Association is approved as a provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Provider No. LT 0031-0116). This program is approved for a total of **twelve (12)** contact hours applicable for RN and LPN relicensure. Continuing nursing education certificates will be distributed at the end of the conference to all paid attendees.

## Refund Policy

A full refund will be given for cancellations received in writing by email, fax or mail to KOSCP prior to 5 p.m., Sept. 30. Registrations may be transferred to another individual. No refund will be given for cancellations received after 5 p.m., Sept. 30.

# REGISTRATION

## KOSCP Conference

**Event Date:** Tuesday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 7

**Event Venue:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport  
2098 S Airport Road, Wichita, KS 67209

**Registration Fee:** The registration fee for KOSCP members is \$200 per person. The registration fee for non-members is \$250. Fees include breakfast, lunch, refreshments and program materials.

### Two Easys Way to Register

**Online:** Registration online is available at <https://registration.kha-net.org>.

**Mail:** Mail registration form and check payable to the KOSCP.  
Attention: Hayley Finch-Genschorck, KOSCP  
215 SE 8th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3906.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

### Registration Fees:

**\$200 KOSCP Members**

**\$250 Non-KOSCP Members**

**Nurses:** Please list your name as it appears on your nursing license.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nursing Continuing Education (information required for RN/LPN):**

Nursing License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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