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# HCQM

**Board Certification in Health Care Quality and Management for Physicians, Nurses, and Other Health Care Professionals**

**Health Care Quality and Management (HCQM) Board Certification with Sub-Specialty Certification in Patient Safety/Risk Management, Case Management, Managed Care, and Workers' Compensation**

The health care system is in constant demand for skilled professionals. The ABQURP certification promotes excellence and professionalism through recognition of individuals dedicated to Health Care Quality and Management.

HCQM certified professionals are distinguished by superior skills in analysis, review, case management, and many other areas of health care administration.

Managed care companies, government agencies, hospitals, and insurance companies have come to recognize the value of the ABQURP credential when seeking qualified health care experts to meet their staffing needs.

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American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians, Inc.

## Take your career to the next level with the nation's most respected and recognized certification in Health Care Quality and Management (HCQM).

Certification in Health Care Quality and Management will strongly position you to better serve America's growing health care needs. ABQAURP certification is recognized as a benchmark, demonstrating expertise in these fields. Employers within managed care organizations, hospitals, insurance companies, and government agencies recognize the value of the ABQAURP credential when seeking qualified professionals to meet their staffing requirements. Many are now recommending or requiring this credential for positions relating to health care quality.

ABQAURP is the only Health Care Quality and Management organization with a certification exam developed, administered, and evaluated in conjunction with the National Board of Medical Examiners® (NBME®). Unlike other certifications, the NBME's involvement in the certification process reflects ABQAURP's dedication to establishing HCQM as a specialty with definable standards upheld by knowledgeable experts.

ABQAURP certification comes with the opportunity for fellowship, networking, and the prestige of being a distinguished expert in Health Care Quality and Management.

### Membership Benefits Include:

- Competitive edge over non-member professionals in your field
- Affiliation with the nation's largest organization of interdisciplinary health care professionals
- Networking opportunities with like-minded professionals
- ACCME-accredited multimedia continuing education
- Listing in the ABQAURP online "QUALITY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL" member search directory
- Employment opportunities through the online Career Center
- Unlimited access to the "Members Only" section of the ABQAURP website
- Reduced fees for all ABQAURP offerings
- Complimentary subscription to the *Patient Safety & Quality Healthcare* magazine

In addition to these benefits of membership, becoming a certified Diplomate can take your career to the next level. ABQAURP certification demonstrates proactive leadership and integrity to the entire health care community. As a nationally renowned and elite board, more credence is given to ABQAURP Diplomates. The certification process validates the expertise of each individual. Recognized as experts in Health Care Quality and Management, Diplomates are distinguished by their superior skills in analysis, review, case management, and many other areas of health care administration. Diplomates have found that HCQM certification has assisted in gaining employment as medical directors, hospital and managed care administrators, case managers, utilization managers, peer reviewers, and expert witnesses, as well as other positions.

ABQAURP is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. ABQAURP is also accredited by the Florida Board of Nursing to provide nursing contact hours, which are transferable in all states.

### American Institute for Healthcare Quality Fellow

ABQAURP recognizes the achievements of Diplomates through the American Institute for Healthcare Quality (AIHQ). Fellow of the AIHQ is the prestigious designation given to Diplomates in good standing showing dedication to the association and the health care industry through continuous improvement via education. This additional designation enhances the ABQAURP credential and further distinguishes it from other types of certification.

### Who takes advantage of HCQM certification:

- Physicians (all specialties)
- Nurses (all specialties)
- Directors of QM/UM
- Case Managers
- Medical Directors
- Claims Medical Advisors
- Risk Managers
- Hospital Administrators
- Claims Specialists
- Managed Care Professionals
- Hospital Executives
- Pharmacists
- Chiropractors
- Physician Assistants
- All Health Care Professionals

### Some of the organizations that recognize the importance of HCQM certification:

- ADP
- USAA
- Humana
- United Healthcare
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- AvMed
- Aetna Healthcare
- Kaiser Permanente
- Medical Mutual of Ohio
- Hurley Medical Center
- Winter Park Memorial Hospital
- Concentra

### Group Rates

An educated, knowledgeable health care provider and staff are better equipped to make the best possible decisions. This helps increase efficiency and effectiveness, while reducing errors that may not only save lives, but costs as well. Having your entire staff board certified by ABQAURP provides your organization the opportunity to promote itself as proactive in the quality health care and patient safety arena. A Group Rate Schedule is offered to groups with as few as 5 - 9 individuals. More significant discounts are available to those groups of 10 - 19 individuals and for groups of 20 or more. For specific information about group rates, please call Barbara Chalmers at (800) 998-6030, extension 116.

# STEP 1



**APPLY:** Join as an American Institute for Healthcare Quality (AIHQ) Member, ABOAURP's membership division, to receive member benefits and discounts on the exam fee, application fee, and the online Core Body of Knowledge (CBK) course. Complete the HCQM certification exam application, available via download at [www.abqaurp.org](http://www.abqaurp.org) - click Certification. Application, order form, fees, and required documentation should be returned to ABOAURP. Sub-specialty certification is also available in the following areas: Patient Safety/Risk Management, Case Management, Managed Care, and Workers' Compensation.

AIHQ membership\* was established for individuals who are devoted to improving the overall quality of health care that is provided to the consuming public, but have not sat for the exam. AIHQ members receive preferred pricing for the certification exam and all continuing education courses. \*AIHQ membership is not required to be eligible for certification.

# STEP 2



**MASTER THE KNOWLEDGE:** The Core Body of Knowledge course is offered by ABOAURP primarily for exam candidates. This course fulfills the requirement of 20 hours of CE prior to being approved for the certification exam. Exam candidates are not required to order the CBK if they can provide 20 hours of ABOAURP-approved CE. The CBK course includes a 35 question, multiple choice test completed online. A passing grade on the CBK does not guarantee success on the certification exam.

Prepare for the exam by reviewing the CBK modules and test, along with the nine exam categories listed on the exam application or view on the website at [www.abqaurp.org](http://www.abqaurp.org), choose Certification, and click Exam Highlights. A list of suggested reading materials is also available.

# STEP 3



**BECOME CERTIFIED:** The HCOM certification exam is based on education, work experience, and work-related activities in Health Care Quality and Management. Once your application is reviewed for approval by the Credentialing Committee, you will receive an email link to print your NBME Scheduling Permit with full instructions on scheduling your test appointment. The certification exam consists of 175 multiple-choice questions and is administered at Prometric Centers™. The centers are located throughout the United States, Canada, and limited international sites. Testing begins September 15 and ends November 15.

# STEP 4



**USE YOUR CREDENTIAL:** Upon successful completion of the certification exam, join thousands of other Diplomates in using your new Certified in Health Care Quality and Management (CHCQM) designation and proudly display your HCQM diploma.

Certification from the American Board of Quality Assurance & Utilization Review Physicians, Inc. (ABOQURP) represents a significant professional achievement, as well as provides the prestige of being a distinguished expert in the field of Health Care Quality and Management. Request your Certified Diplomate logo to promote your accomplishment!

List your CHCQM credential with your name and degree. Introduce yourself as a Diplomate of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. List your certification accomplishment in your personal and staff biographies. Press releases are available from the ABOQURP office for local newspapers, company websites, and newsletters.

## Frequently Asked Questions About HCQM Certification

### How will this certification help me in my chosen profession?

ABQAURP certification is recognized as a benchmark, demonstrating expertise in Health Care Quality and Management. Employers within managed care organizations, hospitals, insurance companies, and government agencies recognize the value of the ABQAURP credential when seeking qualified professionals to meet their staffing needs. With certification comes the opportunity for networking and the prestige of being a distinguished expert in the field of Health Care Quality and Management.

### Is it a requirement to be a member to sit for the HCQM certification exam?

No. You may choose to sit for the HCQM exam as a non-member. However, you may choose to join as an American Institute of Healthcare Quality (AIHQ) Member and receive exam discounts provided to members.

### How do I prepare for the HCQM certification exam?

Exam applications may be downloaded from our website. Applications are to be completed, notarized, and forwarded to our office with necessary licensure (if applicable) and supporting documentation. ABQAURP has an application review and approval process in place to assure a timely response for all exam candidates.

We offer an online Core Body of Knowledge (CBK) course for all exam candidates that fall short of the 20 hours of ABQAURP-approved CME/CEU credits required to sit for the exam. The CBK not only fulfills the CE requirement, but serves as a helpful review tool for the exam. The exam highlights are designed as a study guide to familiarize yourself with the nine categories and their sub-categories. To access from our website, [www.abqaurp.org](http://www.abqaurp.org), use the Certification button, then choose Exam Highlights. A list of recommended reading materials is also available on the website.

### Can you tell me about the four Sub-Specialty certifications?

ABQAURP provides certification in four sub-specialty areas – Patient Safety/Risk Management, Case Management, Managed Care, and Workers' Compensation. This certification is over and above the HCQM certification; however, sub-specialties do not require a separate exam. Exam candidates must meet the criteria set forth by submitting 24 hours of directly related CE for each sub-specialty in which they are applying. The online CBK provides some CE toward each sub-specialty. Sub-Specialties may be deferred until a later date as to not hold up the application process. Once an exam candidate passes the HCQM exam and becomes an ABQAURP Diplomat, they may apply for a sub-specialty at any time by submitting a sub-specialty application along with appropriate documentation and payment.

### Is there a designation I can use once I pass the HCQM certification exam?

Yes, all ABQAURP Diplomates are encouraged to use the Certified in Health Care Quality and Management designation (CHCQM).

**CONTACT ABQAURP TODAY TO LEARN MORE!**

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