

OCTOBER 24, 2019

**RESCISSION OF VHA DIRECTIVE 1026, VHA ENTERPRISE FRAMEWORK FOR
QUALITY, SAFETY, AND VALUE**

1. By direction of the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive 1026, VHA Enterprise Framework for Quality, Safety, and Value, dated August 2, 2013, is rescinded.

2. At this time, the Office for Quality, Safety and Value (QSV) is rescinding VHA Directive 1026 so that it doesn't conflict with modernization efforts as they are being rolled out as part of the new VHA governance process. Our supporting program offices in the National Center for Patient Safety, Risk Management, Utilization Management, Medical Staff Affairs and External Accreditation have policies that will continue to serve as guides for quality and safety oversight. Specifically, such policies include Credentialing of Health Care Professionals Directive 2012-030, Utilization Management Program Directive 1117(2) April 2019, Accreditation of Veterans Health Administration Rehabilitation Programs Directive 1170.01, Accreditation of Medical Facility and Ambulatory programs Directive 1100.16, VHA Patient Safety Improvement Handbook 1050.01, March 2014, Peer Review for Quality Management Directive 1190, and Quality Management and Patient Safety Activities that can Generate Confidential Documents Directive 2008-077. Additionally, elements of quality, safety, and value are currently tracked and trended through Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) governance committees and elevated for review to the VISN Executive Leadership Committee (ELC).

3. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence(10E) at 202-461-1515. QSV will be developing new guidelines and a national directive to support a coordinated organizational quality and safety program to align with current lanes of efforts, high reliability and modernization. There will be opportunity for stakeholders to provide input throughout the process. Questions can be directed to Karen Maudlin, DHed, RN, Clinical Nurse Executive, Office of Quality, Safety and Value at Karen.Maudlin@va.gov.

4. This VHA notice will be archived as of October 31, 2020. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

**BY DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE
UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH:**

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Deputy Under Secretary for Health for
Organizational Excellence

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