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David Schulke serves as Executive Vice President of The American Health Quality Association (AHQA), representing the national network of private health care Quality Improvement Organizations (“QIOs”). Medicare and other purchasers retain QIOs to measure cost and quality performance and to assist providers, practitioners and health plans to expedite the pace of improvement in the quality of health care.

Working for the Congress from 1983-1995, Mr. Schulke conducted congressional investigations of the quality of health care products and services in a wide array of health care settings, including hospitals, physician offices, nursing homes and dialysis clinics. He drafted and helped secure enactment of several significant pieces of health legislation, including the Medicare hospital quality oversight reforms enacted in 1985 and 1986, portions of the OBRA 87 nursing home reforms, the first Medicare outpatient drug benefit enacted in the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988, the OBRA 90 Medicaid drug rebate and drug use review legislation, and the first risk adjusted Federal quality “report card” evaluating health care services (infertility clinics), enacted in 1993. He has authored several congressional committee reports and peer-reviewed journal articles on health care issues.

From 1983-1991, Mr. Schulke worked for the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging under Chairmen Sen. John Heinz (R-PA) and Sen. David Pryor (D-AR). Between 1991 and 1995, Mr. Schulke worked as chief health policy advisor to U.S. Representative (now Senator) Ron Wyden (D-OR), an active member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Health. During this period, Schulke also served on the White House Health Reform Task Force, Working Group on Quality.

After leaving the Congress, Mr. Schulke joined the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the national professional society of pharmacists, where he was responsible for regulatory affairs and worked to develop alliances between the pharmacist profession, consumers, and manufacturers.

Schulke was born in California, where from 1978 to 1983 he worked with and then led a community-based organization that vigorously advocated the interests of residents of long term care facilities, focusing on quality and access problems.