

## **Kathy Valencia**

RN, MSN
Field Director, Home Care Program
The Joint Commission

Kathy Valencia is currently a resident of California and maintains her nursing license in Kentucky.

Ms. Valencia surveys the standards in the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Home Care. Ms. Valencia transitioned to the Home Care Field Director role in May 2018.

Prior to joining The Joint Commission in 2007, Ms. Valencia had 12 years in home care leadership at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland Kentucky. During that time, in addition to home health, she was also responsible for ABLS Home Medical Supplies and worked with St Claire Medical Center in the development of a home infusion company.

In the hospital setting over the past 36 years, Ms. Valencia has had experience as a Director of Education, Director of Oncology Services, Nursing Supervisor and staff nurse experience which include general medical/surgical and Emergency Room nursing.

Ms. Valencia also had multiple appoints with the Kentucky Home Health Association Board which included; education committee, Vice President and President over the span of 6 years.

Ms. Valencia received her Master's degree in Nursing from Bellarmine University in Louisville Kentucky; Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Ohio University and Associate's degree in Nursing from the University of Kentucky Community College System in Ashland Kentucky. Ms. Valencia also successfully completed Enterostomal Therapy education at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City, New York and certification in 1986.

