When you need support, we are here.

Visit www.ahcancal.org to utilize member-only resources.
Get your username and password at ahcancal.org/credentials.

AHCA/NCAL remains committed to supporting our members who stepped up and delivered quality care in the face of unprecedented challenges in 2020. These health care heroes have worked tirelessly over many months to protect millions of frail, elderly, and disabled Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic. The association will continue to advocate for the crucial resources necessary for our profession to acquire personal protective equipment, conduct regular testing, and address vital issues such as workforce. Working together, we will improve lives by delivering solutions for quality care.

- Mark Parkinson, President & CEO, AHCA/NCAL

A Coordinated Response to COVID-19

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, AHCA/NCAL worked tirelessly with the federal government to ensure that nursing homes, assisted living communities, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities received necessary supplies and guidance to prevent the spread of this disease.

The COVID-19 website, ahcancal.org/coronavirus, provides many resources and information for providers, residents and staff, including AHCA/NCAL guidance, testing, notification and reporting cases, personal protective equipment (PPE), reimbursement, COVID-specific training courses, vaccination information, and much more.

In 2020, AHCA/NCAL:

- Launched Temporary Nurse Aid and Temporary Feeding Aid certification programs.
- Provided up-to-date guides and resources, blog posts, and webinars and training sessions to help navigate through COVID-19.
- Created #CareNotCOVID to encourage people to share personal stories and messages of support to LTC residents.
- Launched a national media campaign to encourage support for the sector.
- Cultivated strong relationships with key government organizations and established the Association as the leading experts in and voice of the LTC profession.
- Advocated for the needs of LTC communities, including federal financial aid from the CARES Act Provider Relief Funds, PPE to aid the fight against COVID-19, and priority vaccine distribution and testing.

Key Policy Achievements in 2020

AHCA/NCAL takes your concerns and perspectives directly to the key players in Congress and the White House. In 2020, AHCA/NCAL members contacted Members of Congress, their staff, and key congressional committees to protect America’s most vulnerable citizens.

- Advocated to CDC and state governments that residents and staff be first for COVID vaccinations.
- Obtained more than $20 billion from the Provider Relief Fund for facilities during the pandemic.
- Obtained multiple extensions of COVID-19 waivers for increased telehealth visits and extension of the three day stay.
- Ensured a market basket update by preventing statutory changes to the update methodology.
- Authorized HUD to finance up to a year of operating losses for skilled nursing, assisted living facilities, and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities insured under Sections 232 and 242 of the National Housing Act.
- Achieved several permanent telehealth beneficiary access improvements.
- Successfully advocated for Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation (MFAR) to be withdrawn.
- Avoided Medicare and Medicaid cuts on the Hill.
Learn, Connect, and Earn CEs!

AHCA/NCAL events and the online learning platform ahcancalED provide opportunities for members to learn best practices, network, and earn CEs. Check out our website for a schedule of 2021 events including the Convention & Expo, Congressional Briefing, and Quality Summit.

LTC Trend Tracker™

A free member benefit to all AHCA/NCAL members, LTC Trend Tracker helps you identify key areas to address and set targets through performance benchmarking, trending data, and easy to understand publications. A variety of measures allow for the generation of tools and publications including the Five-Star Quality Measure Predictor Tool and Your Top-Line, Your AL Top-Line, Your Resident Profile.

Visit www.LTCtrendTracker.com to learn more.

Online CNA Training Program

AHCA/NCAL continues to expand certified nurse assistant (CNA) training with an online hybrid program. Using our How To Be a Nurse Assistant curriculum CNAonline.com provides flexible, convenient, and affordable training that students can start anytime from anywhere.

Visit CNAonline.com to get started today.

The National Quality Award Program

AHCA/NCAL recognizes members for high quality care through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program. It is based on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. The program’s Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels each set progressively higher standards for performance, guiding organizations to improve the quality of the care and services they provide.

Visit ahcancal.org/qualityaward to learn more.

AHCA/NCAL Member Savings Program

Take advantage of these AHCA/NCAL members-only programs and save!

- General and Professional Liability Insurance*
- Employee Health Benefit Plans*
- SNF Requirements of Participation eCompetencies™
- AHCA/NCAL Infection Control Certificate Program
- Geriatric Nurse Certification Preparation*
- On-line Dementia Care Training
- Utility Overcharge Audits
- Reduced Energy Costs
- On-line National Job Board Network*
- Discounted FedEx Shipping
- Music and Scent Solutions

Visit ahcancal.org/membersavings for details.

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