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# About

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The Illinois Health Care Association is a non-profit organization comprised of more than 500 licensed and certified long term care facilities and programs across the state. Founded in 1950, IHCA is the oldest and largest association of its kind in Illinois. IHCA is dedicated to ensuring quality long term care, and serves its members through cutting-edge educational programs, timely communication and support services, and comprehensive advocacy with legislators and regulators.

## **Mission Statement**

To Lead in Advocacy and Education for our Members.

## **Vision Statement**

*For the Benefit of our Members, We Will:*

- Secure a Fully Funded Reimbursement System
- Create a Common Sense Regulatory Environment
- Provide Valued Services to our Members

*IHCA Members Include:*

- Skilled Nursing
- Intermediate Care
- Assisted Living and Shared Housing
- ID/DD Facilities
- MC/DD Facilities
- Sheltered Care
- Supportive Living
- Community Integrated Living Arrangements
- Associate, Individual and Student Members

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# *Why your facility should join*

IHCA is a member-driven organization, with a commitment to the delivery of four core values:

- ***Policy & Advocacy*** – a comprehensive legislative, regulatory and political strategy to meet the needs of a diverse membership.
- ***Communication*** – a full complement of newsletters, briefings and meeting opportunities to keep members abreast of the changes in the profession.
- ***Education*** – a full menu of educational opportunities, sufficient to meet CE requirements for professional nursing home staff.
- ***Support & Membership*** – a wide range of support services, including professional association staff, networking possibilities with other LTC professionals and association involvement opportunities.

## **Advocacy**

As a member of the Illinois Health Care Association/Illinois Center for Assisted Living, you will directly benefit from strong and effective public policy efforts of staff who are knowledgeable and experienced in advocating for the interests of the long term care profession. As the Illinois AHCA/NCAL affiliate, IHCA/ICAL members also receive comprehensive representation on the federal level. The Center for Developmental Disabilities Advocacy and Community Supports (The Center) advocates

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on behalf of the ID/DD community, while IHCA public policy staff represent the interests of our skilled nursing facility members and assisted and supportive living. Whether lobbying the Illinois General Assembly, working with state agencies on regulatory matters, or lobbying at the federal level, IHCA members' interests are well represented.

## **Communication**

The long term care profession is complex and ever-changing, and you need an association like IHCA to keep you abreast of the latest news and developments. IHCA/ICAL members receive weekly newsletters, bi-annual magazines and alerts when urgent matters present themselves. You can count on IHCA to keep you well-informed. We're also just a phone call or email away when you have problems or questions.

## **Education**

IHCA provides timely, top-notch educational opportunities for its members throughout the year with CEs always provided. As a statewide organization, we host seminars and educational sessions from Rockford to Cairo and everywhere in between. In addition, each year IHCA offers the largest and best-attended convention of its kind in Illinois, which draws speakers and vendors from across the country.

## **Support**

There are myriad membership support services in place for IHCA/ICAL members. Our professional staff is on hand to assist with member concerns ranging from compliance issues, to daily operations, to intervention with state agencies. As well, IHCA members have access to a vast network of fellow members and vendors, with opportunities to become more involved in Illinois' LTC profession. Finally, IHCA is a member-driven organization, and as such, has many committees on which members may serve to help in shaping the direction of the profession for the future.

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## *Public Policy & Advocacy*

The public policy interests of all IHCA/ICAL members, vital to the profession's continued success, are well represented. A dedicated public policy staff provides the framework for a unified message on all issues involving legislation, regulatory affairs and political activities. IHCA public policy staff represent the needs of skilled nursing and assisted living and supportive living facilities, while The Center for Developmental Disabilities Advocacy and Community Supports (The Center) staff work specifically for the interests of ID/DD members. As the Illinois affiliate for the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), IHCA/ICAL members also benefit from excellent representation on the federal level. IHCA/ICAL and The Center work diligently to offer comprehensive legislative, regulatory and political support to a diverse membership.

### **Federal Representation**

As the nation's largest association of quality driven, dedicated long term and post-acute care providers, AHCA/NCAL advocates for compassionate, quality care and services for millions of frail, elderly and disabled Americans. AHCA/NCAL has a proven track record of positively affecting regulations, trends and legislative policies because of its standing as the strongest and most influential long term and post-acute care trade association in America. NCAL is the assisted living

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voice of AHCA and is dedicated to promoting high quality, principle-driven assisted living care and services with a steadfast commitment to excellence, innovation and the advancement of person-centered care. As the Illinois affiliate for AHCA/NCAL, IHCA/ICAL members receive comprehensive federal representation.

## Legislative Representation

The Center for Developmental Disabilities and Community Supports was formed in 2008 as an entity to represent ID/DD-specific issues before the Illinois General Assembly and regulatory agencies.

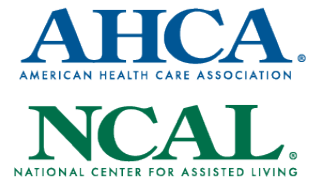
IHCA and The Center provide members with a powerful voice before the Illinois General Assembly. In addition to proactively advancing legislation developed to promote long term care interests, staff members carefully review every bill and amendment introduced before the legislature to identify and oppose legislation of potential harm to the profession.

## Regulatory and Reimbursement Expertise

IHCA and The Center are major stakeholders in the regulatory process, working with representatives from key state agencies on issues affecting our members. Staff includes regulatory experts who advise members on rules and regulations and assist in resolving operational and survey issues.

## IHCA PAC

The IHCA Political Action Committee works to raise resources that go towards the support of politicians who are proven allies of the long term care profession.



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Efficient and effective member communication is one of the hallmarks of a member-driven association. IHCA is committed to providing members with the latest, up-to-the-minute information. IHCA's regular publications include a number of weekly newsletters, our association magazine and email alerts focusing on time sensitive, urgent matters. Members are also encouraged to 'like' us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn and regularly visit [www.ihca.com](http://www.ihca.com) for the latest association news.

***Membership Directory & Buyers' Guide*** | IHCA publishes an annual comprehensive membership directory and buyers' guide that includes IHCA, state and national contacts, as well as the IHCA Constitution and Bylaws. This crown jewel in the catalogue of member communication tools is a 'one stop shop' for member networking with other long term care professionals, vendors and the association.

***LTC Today*** | *LTC Today* is a magazine published bi-annually by IHCA. The publication is a valuable source of information for members of IHCA and others interested in the long term care profession. Each issue covers a variety of topics, including the latest in technology and products, member accomplishments, future trends in long term care, facility profiles and more.

***News Brief*** | A weekly newsletter, published each Monday, *News Brief* focuses on topline stories of interest to the long term care profession, and also takes a look at broader policy and public opinion issues.





***Clinical Solutions*** | Published in conjunction with CE Solutions, *Clinical Solutions* is a monthly newsletter that focuses on current clinical issues in long term care.

***Members Only*** | A bi-weekly publication focused on association-specific news and member facility best practices.

***DD News*** | A periodic newsletter geared to the interests of ID/DD providers, *DD News* focuses on the relevant legislative, regulatory and reimbursement issues of the moment.

***Regulatory Beat*** | A twice monthly newsletter, *Regulatory Beat* features updates on regulatory and legislative matters from the state and federal levels.

## ***AHCA/NCAL Publications***

In addition to those publications generated solely by IHCA, IHCA members also receive a full complement of AHCA/NCAL publications focusing on what's happening at the federal level. These include:

- ***Provider Magazine*** | a highly-regarded, monthly magazine for long term care professionals
- ***AHCA Notes*** | a monthly newsletter
- ***Capitol Connection*** | a bi-weekly e-newsletter
- ***NCAL FOCUS*** | a monthly newsletter
- ***NCAL Connections*** | a weekly e-newsletter

## **Websites**

IHCA members are updated on a wide variety of issues, from association activities and member accomplishments to general long term care profession news, through our website, [www.ihca.com](http://www.ihca.com). ID/DD member facilities can also access additional ID/DD specific information at The Center's website, [www.cddacs.org](http://www.cddacs.org). All members can access the latest information from AHCA/NCAL at [www.ahcancal.org](http://www.ahcancal.org).

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As a cornerstone of IHCA's six decades of excellent member service, education is one of the main components of Illinois Health Care Association's mission statement: "To lead in advocacy and education for our members." The Education, Convention and Trade Show Committee works diligently and closely with IHCA staff to provide timely, quality and informative educational programs for the long term care profession.

## **Educational Seminars**

IHCA is an approved sponsor of continuing education for nursing home administrators, licensed nurses, social workers, physical therapy assistants and physical therapists. IHCA offers a wide variety of educational sessions for all disciplines that are generally held at various sites throughout the state. Other specialized education includes a rigorous, quarterly review course for individuals preparing to take the nursing home administrator licensure examination, the ID/DD Symposium and the two day Resources for Success conference for nurses. IHCA also partners with AANAC to provide MDS 3.0 RAC-CT® Certification workshops.

## **Annual Convention and Expo**

IHCA holds the largest convention and expo in Illinois for long term care professionals. The event includes more than 100 educational sessions, exhibits featuring the latest technology and services available in the profession, as well as social networking and entertainment opportunities.

# Membership & Support

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## Committee Participation

All members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the IHCA committee structure. In addition to the networking and idea sharing afforded through committee participation, members are afforded the opportunity to help shape the direction of the profession.

- Administration/Finance and Operations
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Education, Convention and Trade Show
- IHCA PAC
- Legal

## Discounts on Products and Services

Another benefit to IHCA membership is the provision of discounted products and services. Members enjoy discounts on seminars, educational sessions and rates for our Annual Convention and Expo. IHCA members benefit greatly from our Preferred Vendor relationships as well, with members enjoying discounts from group purchasing programs to background checks.

- Accurate Biometrics
- CE Solutions
- M.E.S./HPSI Group Purchasing
- NRC Health
- Prescription Cost Management

It can't be overstated; an association is only as strong as its membership. As the largest and most diverse long term care trade association in Illinois, the benefits of membership are vast. In addition to the aforementioned services, IHCA members benefit from a bevy of support services and membership opportunities.

- Professional association staff
- A/P and A/R accounting
- Central office available for meetings and sessions
- Member questions answered through a one-stop-shop

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