



[Tuesday, May 5, 2026](#) - All Education Sessions will take place in Cloister Ballroom

- 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM – Welcome, Introductions, and Sponsor Recognition
- 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM – What’s Happening in Washington?
  - Clifton J. Porter, II, AHCA/NCAL President and CEO, and LaShuan Bethea, NCAL Executive Director, will be joined by Michael Bassett, AHCA/NCAL Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Bob Russell, Founding Partner of Simmons Russell Group, and Bob Wood, Principal of BGR Government Affairs, for a lively exchange on the state of politics and policy and the impact on the sector.
- 4:45 PM—5:45 PM—Opening Keynote: Success Principles of ICONIC Leadership
  - Ryan J. A. Hoover, RN, NHA; Administrator of Mountain View Nursing Home in Aroda, VA, will weave together stories, statistics, and service, highlighting the love and passion that drives a 5-star facility where 80% of care is provided by volunteers living together on campus.
- 6:15 PM – 9:00 PM – Welcome Reception and Dinner –*Black Banks Terrace*
- 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM – After Dinner Lounge – *Spanish Lounge*

[Wednesday, May 6, 2026](#) - All Education Sessions will take place in Cloister Ballroom

- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Breakfast Buffet – *Georgian Rooms*
- 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM – Assisted Living Providers Breakfast
  - Assisted Living Providers are invited to bring their breakfast from the buffet and join LaShuan Bethea for a networking session.
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – AI Companions in Memory Care: What Two Pilots Reveal About Emotional Vital Signs, Non-Pharmacologic Care, and Workforce Support
  - This session shares real-world evidence from two multi-site pilots of AI companions implemented in six secured memory care communities in Oregon, and on how AI can function inside an HCBS-aligned, person-centered model to help staff track “emotional vital signs,” strengthen non-pharmacologic care, and maintain low psychotropic PRN use.
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM - Networking Break – *Cloister Ballroom*
- 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM – What this Moment Demands: Creating the New Playbook for LTC CEO’s

- Margin compression is the new norm. The workforce has permanently changed; policy, payment, and reimbursement remain misaligned, and CEOs are being asked to deliver more with fewer levers.

**Breakout sessions:**

- Workforce Reimagined
  - Policy, Payment, and Power: Navigating a System that Doesn't Align
  - Technology – Accelerator or Anchor?
  - The CEO Stop/Start Agenda: What to abandon, What to Double Down On
- **11:45 AM – Transition to Afternoon Activities** – *Additional registration fees apply. Departure and start times may change. Complete event details on the conference app.*
    - **Cloister History and Art Walking Tour (Spouse Event):** 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
    - **Sea Island Explorer Yacht Cruise:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
    - **Coastal Wildlife Bike Tour:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
    - **Pickleball:** 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
  - **6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Cocktail Reception & Dinner** – *Ocean Room, Courtyard, and Patio*

Thursday, May 7, 2026 - *All Education Sessions will take place in Cloister Ballroom*

- **7:00 – 7:45 AM—Independent Owners Breakfast** – *Cloister Patio*
  - **Clifton J. Porter, II**, AHCA/NCAL President and CEO, and **LaShuan Bethea**, NCAL Executive Director, for a listening session during breakfast.
- **7:30 AM – 8:00 AM – Breakfast Buffet** – *Georgian Rooms*
- **8:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Closing Keynote: ACOs, APMs, and CMMI Demos, Decoding the “Alphabet Soup”**
  - This session will break down the major CMS models in plain business terms, showing where each model creates opportunity, where risk lives, and how these programs can be leveraged to strengthen market position, grow attributed lives, and drive measurable performance improvement. A special emphasis will be placed on LEAD, the next major strategic frontier in CMS innovation.
- **11:00 AM – Conference Concludes**

**Upcoming Conferences:** Please mark your calendars and join us at future conferences.

- 2026 Fall CEO Conference – Monday, November 9 – Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – Four Seasons Las Vegas – Las Vegas, NV
- 2027 Spring CEO Conference – Tuesday, April 13- Thursday, April 15, 2027 – The Ritz Carlton – Amelia Island, FL