

We Support LTC/PAC Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Assisted state affiliates with accessing COVID relief funds for facilities.
- Changed COVID-related guidance to bring relief to the sector and reflect the end of the Public Health Emergency.
  - Worked with CMS to reduce and streamline reporting to the National Healthcare Safety Network and other burdensome reporting requirements.
  - Achieved enforcement relief on infection control citations implemented during pandemic.

### We Increase Available Workforce for LTC Providers

- Launched a national workforce recruitment campaign, <u>Careers in Caring</u>, to equip members with hiring resources to successfully attract new caregivers.
- Advocated for common sense immigration solutions to expand opportunities for international health care workers to serve U.S. seniors by endorsing the <u>Healthcare Workforce</u> <u>Resilience Act</u>.
- Supported the <u>Building America's Health Care</u> <u>Workforce Act</u>, ensuring national and state policy changes allowing temporary nurse aides to become certified in 24 months.

### We Improve the Quality of Care

- Recognized nearly 500 members for quality improvement through the National Quality Award Program in 2023.
  - O Increased 2024 National Quality Award Intent to Apply submissions by more than 50 percent.
- Defended against unfunded federal staffing mandates that would worsen access to care.
  - O Rallied the industry around CMS's proposed federal minimum staffing requirement for nursing homes, resulting in CMS receiving more than 46,000 comments during the 60-day formal comment period.
- Proactively promoted AHCA/NCAL's <u>Care for Our Seniors</u> reform agenda and put forth <u>additional quality improvement solutions</u> for the Administration and Congress.
- Launched the National Infection Prevention Forum.

### We Are a Powerful Policy & Political Voice

Increased grassroots activities, hosting more than 150 facility tours with members of Congress, including those on key committees as well as House and Senate Leadership.



# We Ensure the Economic Health of the Sector

- Defended the sector on the Hill from Medicaid and Medicare cuts.
- Successfully facilitated substantial increases in Veterans care payment rates.
- Supported state affiliates in advocating for adequate Medicaid reimbursement, obtaining billions of dollars in additional funding for providers serving Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Successfully improved CMS's Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System with a 4 percent Medicare Part A rate increase in FY 2024.
- Developed materials Assisted Living providers can use to explore the feasibility of expanding affordable assisted living options including state-specific data, the Assisted Living Operating Proforma and Financial Feasibility Analysis Model, and a user guide for the financial model.
- Positioned members for success in changing the health care landscape by offering education sessions on Population Health Management at AHCA/NCAL conferences and meetings.



We Are a Strong Organization

- Developed and implemented strategies to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the sector.
- Created the Assisted Living Regulatory Resource Center, which includes tools for state survey data and a state bill tracker.
- Developed <u>National Skilled Nursing Care Week</u> and <u>National Assisted Living Week</u> planning resources for providers across the nation to raise awareness of the essential role of long term care.

### AHCA/NCAL Members

Member Facilities: **14,700+** 

## Bed Count: 1.3 MILLION+

Record Number of Assisted Living Members: **4,300+** 

### Awards and Recognition

**Clifton J. Porter II** *McKnight*'s Pinnacle Award Mark Parkinson & Clifton J. Porter II The Hill's Top Lobbyists 2023

Mark Parkinson Modern Healthcare's 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare LaShuan Bethea & Holly Harmon *McKnight's* Women of Distinction Hall

of Honor



<u>"Perspectives:</u> Long Term Care, a Family Affair" Gold Telly Award

The Washington Post 2023 Top Workplaces