



# Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities

## Membership Benefits

The Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) is a member driven association comprised of senior health care providers across the continuum of care. Members enjoy a variety of benefits and services that help them provide quality care to their residents. Association staff are experts in their fields with years of experience in their respective areas.

### Strong Legislative Voice

KAHCF is the key organization representing Kentucky's long-term care profession. By developing and maintaining strong relationships with state legislators and policymakers, KAHCF promotes the long-term care profession's legislative agenda. Members also play a key role in the development of public policy by working one-on-one to educate lawmakers on key issues. Many members also represent KAHCF on statewide coalitions, boards and task forces.

Members are also encouraged to contribute to the KAHCF Political Action Committee (PAC). The KAHCF-PAC is the political arm and voice of our members to support legislative candidates who value long-term care.



### Regulatory and Reimbursement Expertise

KAHCF regularly monitors survey and enforcement issues and keeps members informed and educated in these areas, including any changes in state and federal laws. KAHCF acts as a liaison between providers and the government agencies that regulate them.

KAHCF also monitors reimbursement issues affecting Kentucky's long-term care and personal care providers, including Medicaid, Medicare, and state supplemental payments.

KAHCF representatives are available to answer members' reimbursement and regulatory questions and concerns. Through the Association's bi-weekly publication, *Members Only*, members are kept informed of the latest development's in public policy.



### Timely Education

To meet the ongoing educational requirements of its members, KAHCF offers membership rates to attend the Annual Meeting and Expo, Quality Summit, free-standing education and webinars. Some regular offerings include State Training Course for Activity Directors, MDS training, Infection Prevention and Methods of Instruction. Other offerings are based on current trends and issues affecting the profession.

The Spring Quality Summit is held yearly, providing training and time with exhibitors, and the November Annual Meeting and Expo in Louisville provides several days of training.

### Public Affairs/Recognition

Association staff assists members with media relations and provides press releases touting members' accomplishments and awards. KAHCF also has a social media presence to promote members, events and success stories.

The Public Affairs staff coordinates the Quality Awards Program, the annual recognition of members at the Quality Awards Banquet in November, including the Best of Kentucky – Nursing and Rehabilitation Award. The Association also publishes the newsletter *Heroes of Long-Term Care* and the magazine *CareLink*.

### Human Resources & Work Force Development

Workforce development is an important issue for our members. KAHCF staff monitors workforce trends and is working with state leaders to find new and creative ways to develop the long-term care workforce.

## History

Established in 1954, the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) is the trade association that represents proprietary and non-proprietary nursing facilities and personal care homes across the Commonwealth. KAHCF provides a wide variety of services to member facilities including legislative and regulatory activities, professional development, statewide recognition programs, publications, media relations, research, and advocacy relations.

In order to meet the growing needs of the membership, Statewide Insurance Services (SIS) was incorporated in 1992 as a subsidiary of KAHCF. SIS provides association members with insurance services while providing financial support to KAHCF.



In 1998, the Kentucky Health Care Foundation, Inc. (KHCF) was established to address the growing workforce and educational needs of long-term care professionals. The purpose and mission of KHCF is to enhance quality care in the long-term care continuum through research, education, innovation and partnerships, as supported by charitable contributions.

## Member Involvement

The KAHCF Board of Directors is responsible for establishing and monitoring association policy. Members of the KAHCF Board of Directors are elected annually by association members during a General Business Meeting. Delegates to KAHCF's General Business meeting are selected by member facilities and include representatives of all levels of care and ownership categories.

Members are given an additional voice by participating on various committees addressing issues related to reimbursement, regulations, legislation/public policy, education, workforce and public relations.

## AHCA/NCAL Provides National Support

KAHCF is a state affiliate for the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), a federation of affiliated state associations representing non-profit and for-profit nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and subacute care centers across the nation. Each KAHCF facility member is also a member of AHCA/NCAL, and the yearly dues include membership to AHCA/NCAL. KAHCF is proud to have many Kentucky professionals serving at the national level in various roles.

AHCA/NCAL is the predominant voice for long-term care providers on national issues. With headquarters in Washington, D.C., AHCA/NCAL monitors congressional and federal regulatory activities which impact members. Staff and consultants analyze and influence federal legislation and proposed regulations to benefit and protect the interests of member facilities. AHCA/NCAL offers a multitude of other services, including consumer informational materials, regular national updates, and professional development products and services.

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