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Legislative Alert

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Did you use that "teachable moment" in last week's "Newswire" to confirm who your State Senator and State Representative are? Of course you did! Now is the time to put that information to use!!!

Now is the time to invite your elected representatives to your facility to meet with their constituents.., YOU, your residents, their families, your staff and friends of the facility. And we've made it so easy for you. Matthew V. Barrett, Executive Vice President of CAHCF, has written a sample letter for you to send out to your elected representatives. It is attached hereto and posted to the Grassroots/Legislative page of our website at www.cahcf.org/grassroots.htm. If you use our suggested letter, make sure to fill in ALL the blanks.

When you make arrangements for legislative visits, please make sure to keep your Association informed by advising either Matt (mbarrett@cahcf.com) or Rick (rbrown@cahcf.com). Take pictures of the visitation and share with us. We'll try to give you coverage in the "Newswire."

There are (at least) four top issues worthy of discussing with your legislators: (1) ***Fair Rent Restoration*** - the need to reverse the harmful and ill-advised 2009 freeze on the fair rent component of the Medicaid rate-setting formula; (2) ***Medicaid and Medicare*** - emphasis on the relationship between Medicaid and its reimbursement shortfall and Medicare's recent PPS Final Rule cut; (3) ***Medicaid Pendings*** - Excessive Delays in the Medicaid Eligibility Determination Process and the need to expedite the process and make advance payments to nursing homes; (4) ***Nursing Home Education and Advocay*** - there is an ongoing need education about the difference between what nursing homes do and what home and community based service providers do.

This process has been field-tested on Rick, and if he can do it..., well..., you know.

Every CAHCF facility..., one letter to your State Senator and one letter to your State Representative..., this week! Make the "ask!!" **YOU CAN DO THIS!!!**

If you need assistance with how to confirm who your elected representatives are, what topics to discuss or ANYTHING INVOLVING THE PROCESS, contact Matt or Rick at **860-290-9424** and/or the e-mail address above.

Thanks.



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