If you registered for the December event and cannot attend this rescheduled event, please contact Adriana Manning at 860-290-9424; amanning@cahcf.org. If you did not register for the December event and wish to attend, WE HAVE ROOM! You may use the Program Announcement and Registration Information link on the Calendar/Event/Seminar page of our website at www.cahcf.org/event.htm.

Substitutions ARE allowed.

**01/20**  Best Practices:  HIPAA Security    Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT

The Program will run from 9:00 AM (Registration opens at 8:30 AM) until 12:00 Noon. **3.0 CEUs** will be awarded to Nursing Home Administrators for their attendance at the entire event.

Heather and Dena tell us that this is critical information you need to know. Make sure that someone from your facility is there to hear it.

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Time to shape up and join us for the **CAHCF MDS Boot Camp**! Our Presenter will be Maureen McCarthy, RN, BS, RAC-CT and President of Celtic Consulting.

On January 1st, CMS began auditing MDS data among a sample of centers in each State per President Obama's Executive Orders regarding changes to the CMS Five-star Quality Rating System. It is imperative that your facility's MDS are created correctly.

The class will review the following areas:

- The basics of MDS including coding section by section
- Scheduling and dating requirements of the assessment, OBRA & PPS assessments
- How to handle RUG scores and HIPPS modifiers for managed care covered residents
- Review the Care Area Assessments (CAA) process and interdisciplinary care
The date is **Tuesday, January 27th** at the Coco Key Water Resort in Waterbury, CT. The event will run from 9:00 AM (Registration opens at 8:30 AM) until 3:30 PM.

The cost for **CAHCF Members in good standing**: $130.00/person First Attendee; $75.00/person additional Attendees from the SAME facility; **Not-yet-CAHCF Members**: $160.00/person.

**5.5 CEUs** awarded to participants for their attendance at the entire event.

We expect quite a crowd for this one. REGISTER EARLY! Questions? Please contact Adriana Manning at 860-290-9424; amanning@cahcf.org.

**HOORAH!**

### CAHCF - Legislative Visits

Ryders Health Management showing us the way..., again..., on how to get legislators into our facilities.

In the front row (above; left to right) are Martin J. Sbriglio, CEO of Ryders Health Management and CAHCF Board Member; State Representative Charles J. Ferraro (R - 117th); and State Representative Ben McGorty (R - 122nd). In the back row (left to right) are James Bergers, Administrator of Lord Chamberlain Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; and Richard Bates, Administrator of Lord Chamberlain Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

YOU can do this! Go to the Grassroots/Legislative page of our website at [www.cahcf.org/grassroots.htm](http://www.cahcf.org/grassroots.htm); if you don't know who your State Senator and State Representative are (say it ain't so), use the CAHCF Capwiz Legislative Emailing Center to find out; personalize our SAMPLE Facility Legislator Invitation Letter, print it out on your letterhead and mail it to each of them at:

The Honorable (name of State Senator/Representative)
Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT  06106
Wait a decent amount of time, and if you haven't heard back from them, follow up with a pleasant telephone call (numbers listed on the Grassroots/Legislative page of our website).

If you get stuck or want some encouragement, contact Matt (860-290-9424; mbarrett@cahcf.org) or Rick (860-290-9424; rbrown@cahcf.org). It's what they do.

Don't forget to take pictures and share them with us. We'll put as many of them as we can in the Newswire.

YOU CAN DO THIS!!!

**DHHS OIG - LEIE Database Updated**

From our friends at the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services:

Exclusions

LEIE Database Updated with December 2014 Exclusions and Reinstatements

http://go.usa.gov/tNxh

The updated List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) database file reflects all OIG exclusion and reinstatement actions up to, and including, those taken in December 2014. This updated LEIE is a complete database file containing all exclusions now in effect. Individuals and entities reinstated to Federal health care programs are not included in this file.

Please note that LEIE files that do not contain the National Provider Identifier (NPI), Waiver, and Waiver States fields are no longer available.

OIG archives only monthly supplement files for the previous 12 months. Older material is no longer available on the website or via phone call to Exclusions staff, although the Downloadable LEIE gives users the latest information on excluded individuals or entities.

OIG has added NPIs to LEIE records starting in 2008. Please note that not every individual or entity that is excluded has an NPI to add. Therefore, many records will not include information in the NPI field.

**CT ACHCA - Administrator Essay Contest**
The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators is pleased to announce their Administrator Essay Contest for 2015.

The contest is open to ALL Connecticut-licensed Nursing Home Administrators in good-standing with the State of CT Department of Public Health. Choose from one (1) of two (2) essay questions and write a brief (1500 words) essay that applies to your current leadership role.

The Connecticut-licensed Administrator who submits the best essay as determined by our independent panel of judges will win an Apple iPad Mini 2 16GB. Last year's essay winner was James Dahl. Complete details are available from the Chapter's website at www.ctachca.org/administratoressaycontest.htm.

The deadline for receipt of essay submissions is Friday, February 20th. Winners will be invited to receive recognition and their prize at the Chapter's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 18th.

YOU can do this!

CT ACHCA - Certified Nursing Assistant Hall of Fame

The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators is pleased to announce a Call for Nominations for their 2015 Certified Nursing Assistant Hall of Fame, their thirteenth year! A copy of the Nomination form is available from the Chapter's web site at www.ctachca.org/cnahalloffame.htm.

Nominees must have been employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant for twenty (20) or more years, and the Nominator must be the Administrator-of-record at the facility at which the Certified Nursing Assistant is currently employed AND be a Member in good-standing of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators.

Deadline for receipt of Nominations is Friday, February 20th.

Recipients will be inducted into the Chapter's Certified Nursing Assistant Hall of Fame at the Chapter's Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 18th.

A maximum of six (6) CNAs will be inducted in the Thirteenth Annual Certified Nursing Assistant Hall of Fame. Only one (1) Nomination per facility. If your Nominee from a previous year was not recognized, please consider submitting them again!

We're certain that you have a worthy candidate at your facility. Go ahead..., be a HERO!

New England Alliance - Winter Conference
The New England Alliance in conjunction with District ONE of the American College of Health Care Administrators is pleased to announce their Winter New England Conference & Annual Meeting to be held January 14th - 16th at the Woodstock Inn and Resort in Woodstock, VT.

Up to 9.0 CEUs will be offered to Nursing Home Administrators for their attendance at various presentations. NAB approval has been requested for all programs.

A Program Announcement and Registration Information is currently posted to the Calendar/Event/Seminar page of our website at www.cahcf.org/event.htm.

For additional information please email Bob Oriol at roriol@oriolhealthcare.com or contact Angie Mallozzi at 508-829-1102; amallozzi@oriolhealthcare.com.

Book your room(s) at the Woodstock Inn and Resort RIGHT NOW! The deadline for reservations for our block of rooms is December 16th!!!

CT MED DIR - Supper Program

The Connecticut Medical Directors’ Association is pleased to announce a Supper Program for Wednesday, January 21st at the Masonicare Health Center in Wallinford, CT. The Presentation is entitled, "Clostridium Difficile Infection" with Dr Paul Feuerstadt, Gastroenterology Center of CT as the presenter. Registration and cocktails at 6:00 PM; Buffet Dinner at 6:30 PM; and Presentation and Discussion from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

A Program Announcement and Registration Information is currently posted to the Calendar/Event/Seminar page of our website at www.cahcf.org/event.htm. For additional information please contact Nurka Carrero at LeadingAge Connecticut at 203-678-4477; ncarrero@leadingagect.org.

Cost is $30.00/person.

CT ACHCA - Annual Update from State CT DPH Facility Licensing and Investigation Section

You KNOW you have to be at this!

The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators is pleased to announce their Annual Update from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, Facility Licensing & Investigations Section with Barbara Cass, RN,
Section Chief and others for the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health. This half-day seminar will be held **Friday, February 13th** (it's the day before Valentine's Day!!!) at Zandi’s Stillwood Inn in Wallingford, CT. The Program will run from **8:30 AM (Registration opens at 8:00 AM)** and **concludes at 11:30 AM**. A brief Connecticut Chapter meeting follows the Program to which ALL are invited!

Cost is only $ 50.00/person for CT ACHCA Members (and guests registering with a Member) and $ 100.00/person for not-yet-CT ACHCA Members. Unsure if you're a current Member in the Connecticut Chapter? Check out their website at [www.ctachca.org/chaptermembers.htm](http://www.ctachca.org/chaptermembers.htm).

**3.0 CEUs** will be awarded to Nursing Home Administrators for their attendance at the entire event.

A Program Announcement and Registration Information will soon be posted to the Calendar/Event/Seminar page of our website at [www.cahcf.org/event.htm](http://www.cahcf.org/event.htm).

SAVE-THE-DATE and make sure that you attend.

Questions? Contact Rick Brown at **860-290-9424; rbrown@cahcf.org**.

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**Alzheimer's Association - Caring For People with Alzheimer's Disease: Train the Trainer Curriculum**

The Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter is pleased to announce multiple presentations of their [Caring for People with Alzheimer's Disease: Train the Trainer Curriculum](http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/admin_new/previewnewsletter.php?id=cahcf20150...).

This is a great opportunity for you to train someone from your facility to provide mandated dementia training to your staff that meets the requirements of the law. Please note well the discounted rate due to funding provided by the State of CT Department of Labor! CAHCF was part of the group that worked hard to make this happen for you. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity.

Presentation dates, sites and registration information are provided in the flyer available from the Calendar/Event/Seminar page of our website at [www.cahcf.org/event.htm](http://www.cahcf.org/event.htm).

Thank you for your consideration.

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**AHCA/NCAL Preferred Products and Services Program**

In an environment of ever-diminishing resources, make sure that you explore ALL of the possibilities offered through the AHCA/NCAL Preferred Products and Services Program.

Make sure to visit www.ahcabenefits.com for information on employee health insurance!

Additional information is available from the AHCA/NCAL website at [www.ahcancal.org/about_ahca/ahca_membership/Pages/PreferredProducts.aspx](http://www.ahcancal.org/about_ahca/ahca_membership/Pages/PreferredProducts.aspx).

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**Thought For The Week**

You don't have the right to hold somebody accountable for standards you refuse to apply to yourself.

**STEPHEN A. SMITH**