

June 4, 2018



Chairman Lawrence G. Santilli Announces a New Focus on Assisted Living as CAHCF Establishes a Connecticut Center for Assisted Living (“CCAL”)

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce that the 89-year-old CAHCF is furthering our association mission into the important domain of Assisted Living by creating the Connecticut Center for Assisted Living (“CCAL”) at our May 2018 meeting of the CAHCF Board of Directors. The newly established CCAL will be the Connecticut state affiliate of the National Center for Assisted Living (“NCAL”) and means that CAHCF has joined the vast majority of state affiliates of the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) in advancing the federal and state interests of both the skilled nursing facility sector and assisted living communities in their respective states.

Through its affiliation with NCAL, CCAL members will have access to the fastest growing membership organization devoted to the pressing assisted living issues of our times and they will benefit from the resources of the nation’s largest federation of long term care and assisted living providers---AHCA/NCAL. CCAL members will receive the full range of association member benefits currently enjoyed by CAHCF member facilities in such important areas as legislative/regulatory relations, and financial services/reimbursement. In addition, CCAL membership will include all AHCA/NCAL programs and services, including AHCA/NCAL National Quality Awards Program, proprietary data analytics and industry benchmarking (Long Term Care Trend Tracker), preferred services and product discounts, NCAL educational programs, and regular NCAL updates on industry and regulatory trends.

The CAHCF Board has also established a new Connecticut Center for Assisted Living Council (“CCAL Council”). The CCAL Council will make recommendations and provide advice on all matters pertaining to assisted living of interest and concern to our CAHCF/CCAL members. I am pleased to announce that Paul Liistro of the Arbors at Hop Brook and a longstanding AHCA/CAHCF leader has been appointed to serve as the CCAL Council’s first Chair and is scheduling the organizational meeting of the council at this time.

Finally, CAHCF's President and CEO Matthew V. Barrett ("Matt") will now have executive duties and responsibilities over CAHCF/CCAL and will provide administrative support for the CCAL Council.

CCAL is now operational. I urge you to visit www.cahcf.org to learn more and to contact Matt Barrett with any questions you may have at 860-290-9424 or mbarrett@cahcf.org.

To learn more about NCAL's membership benefits, please visit [www.ahcancal.org/ncal/about/ncal membership](http://www.ahcancal.org/ncal/about/ncal_membership) or contact NCAL's Senior Director of Membership and Business Katherine Preede at 202-898-2843 or kpreede@ncal.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Santilli".

Lawrence Santilli
Chair, CAHCF Board of Directors / President, Athena Health Care Systems

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