

HCANJ Spring Conference 2022

Federal and State Outlook

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President Biden Initiatives

1. Ensuring Taxpayer Dollars Support Nursing Homes that Provide Safe, Adequate and Dignified Care
 - Minimum Nursing Home Staffing Requirements
 - Promoting Single-Occupancy Rooms
 - SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program (SNF-VBP) Expansion
 - Further Reducing the Use of Antipsychotic Drugs in Nursing Homes

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President Biden Initiatives

2. Enhancing Accountability and Oversight

- Adequately Funding Inspection Activities and Increasing Scrutiny on a Greater Number of the Poorest Performers
- Increasing Penalties
- Increasing Accountability for Owners of Substandard Facilities
- Providing Additional Technical Assistance to Nursing Homes

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3. Increasing Transparency

- Creating a Public Database of Owners and Operators
- Increasing Transparency of Ownership and Improvements to Nursing Home Care Compare
- Examining the Impact of Private Equity

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4. Pandemic Preparedness

- Updates may be Expected in Requirements Involving Fire Safety, Infection Control, and Other Resident-Centered Policies
- Increase Infection Prevention Staffing Requirements

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5. Pathways to Jobs

- Affordable Nurse Aide Training
- Link Medicaid Payments to Staffing
- Launch National Nursing Career Pathways Campaign

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Our Priorities

1. Highlight the Essential Role of Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Adult Day Healthcare in New Jersey's Healthcare System
 - Our Facilities Play a Vitally Important Role in the Care of our State's Frail and Clinically-Complex Individuals – a Role No Other Healthcare Provider is Able to Play
 - We Need a Quality Nursing home, AL and ADHC Industry to Achieve the Kind of Health Care System that our Older Citizens Deserve

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2. Provide Suggestions to Improve Quality
 - Regulators: "Quality" = performance on surveys, 5-star and quality measures
 - Providers: "Quality" = focus on day-to-day patient/resident clinical needs and how to better meet those needs
 - As People with Acute Healthcare Needs Increasingly Use our Post-Acute Settings, We Can Improve the Quality of Care by Supporting the Development of On-Site Specialty Support Programs, and the Hiring and Training of More On-Site Staff with Increasing Levels of Expertise

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Our Priorities

3. Highlight the Importance of Aligning Payment Systems with Policy Goals

- Better Alignment of the Payment System with Policy Goals that Focus on Improving Quality of Care
- Make our Healthcare System Function More Seamlessly as One Continuum of Care that Prioritizes High Quality of Care and Recognizes the Value of Our Workforce

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Our Priorities

4. Develop Suggestions to Address Workforce Shortages

- No Workforce Initiative Works Without Payment
- We are Part of Several Coalitions to Integrate our Providers into Educational System
- Highlight the Positive Attributes of a Career in Long-Term Care

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