



*I'm very pleased to announce that NNEAHS will be sending you our E-News Bulletin on a monthly basis, beginning with this inaugural issue. We want to ensure that we are sharing with you timely and relevant information and tools that will help you in the conduct of your business, such as conference and education programs, legislative and regulatory matters that affect you, or products and services you need. I welcome your suggestions and feedback regarding the content, so please don't hesitate to call me at 603-606-1517 or send me an email at [rgoedtel@nneahsa.org](mailto:rgoedtel@nneahsa.org) with your ideas. And if there are others on your staff that you would like me to add to the distribution list for the Bulletin, feel free to send me their names and email addresses!*

*- Rosie Goedtel, Director of Member Services & Communications*

#### **AAHSA LONG-TERM CARE FINANCING SOLUTION**

The NNEAHS board of directors has unanimously voted to endorse AAHSA's efforts to promote its Long-Term Care Financing Solution and the creation of a national long-term care insurance program. The Solution is a fiscally sound national insurance plan founded on three core principles: consumer choice; financial responsibility (both personal responsibility and good stewardship of provider and public resources); and equity of benefits. The Solution is advanced with the premise that the current system is unsustainable and it is our moral imperative to advance a bold national solution. For more information about this and to see how you can help to promote this initiative, please visit the AAHSA web site at [www.aahsa.org](http://www.aahsa.org) or click here: <http://www.thelongtermcaresolution.org/>

#### **NH LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE INVITATION**

Bonnie Cohen has extended an invitation to our New Hampshire member organizations to participate in the Legislative Committee's biweekly conference calls (which will resume in the fall). We welcome your involvement! If interested, please contact Bonnie at [bcohen@rivermead.com](mailto:bcohen@rivermead.com).

#### **SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS**

As you know, our Business Members are important partners with NNEAHS. The support which they provide through their membership dues helps us to offset the costs for advocacy and educational programming for our members, and the products and services they offer can help you and your staff in so many ways, such as architectural/design services; furniture or medical supplies; insurance and financial services; and so forth. We encourage you to contact them for your business needs. Just click here for the current list of our Business Members --[http://www.nneahsa.org/b\\_members.htm](http://www.nneahsa.org/b_members.htm). If you know of other companies that would be interested in becoming a Business Member, please send their names to Rosie Goedtel at [rgoedtel@nneahsa.org](mailto:rgoedtel@nneahsa.org) and we'll gladly invite them to join!

#### **INFORMATION REQUEST – PLEASE RESPOND BY AUGUST 18**

NNEAHS would appreciate your help in responding to a request we received from the firm of Wiggin and Dana, which is compiling information from members of the state affiliates for a program they are presenting at the AAHSA annual meeting in October. Their presentation will focus on the use of arbitration agreements in long-term care and the best ways to limit liability and exposure. Listed below are the topics they would like to cover. We hope you will be able to share information with us that we can pass along to the firm to assist with this research; if you would be willing to do so, please call or email Rosie Goedtel at NNEAHS (603-606-1517 or [rgoedtel@nneahsa.org](mailto:rgoedtel@nneahsa.org)) by **August 18**...thank you!

Topics include:

- How common are pre-admission arbitration agreements?
- If you use arbitration, is an agreement to arbitrate a mandatory pre-condition to admission?
- Have patients/residents been satisfied with the arbitration process?
- Have arbitration rulings been successfully challenged against your facility?
- Do you permit third-parties to commit a patient/resident to arbitration? Are there any tort reform initiatives currently in place at the state level to limit exposure?
- Is there any other information you may be able to provide regarding types of suits generally filed, practices you use to ensure arbitration agreements are successfully upheld, and so forth, that would be useful?

### **AAHSA AUDIO CONFERENCE CALLS**

Have you had an opportunity yet to participate in any of AAHSA's audio conference calls? This is a great and economical way to provide information and education right at your own facility....for just one registration fee, you can gather any number of staff together in an office or conference room to participate in the presentation; and you have the option of purchasing recordings and documents from prior calls for use at future training sessions with your staff. Here are some upcoming sessions, along with the links to register:

- **Mega Trends and Critical Benchmarks in Aging Services Today**  
August 14, 2008 (*note the deadline to register for this call is August 7*)  
2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT  
<https://comp17.eventcenterlive.com/cfm/ec/register/reg.cfm?BID=1&RegID=28502880>
- **The Next Step: Expanding Your CCRC into the Community**  
August 21, 2008 (*note the deadline to register for this call is August 14*)  
2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT  
<https://comp17.eventcenterlive.com/cfm/ec/register/reg.cfm?BID=1&RegID=2C819A61>

### **AAHSA ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION: OCTOBER 12-15**

AAHSA's 2008 Annual Meeting & Exposition, themed "One Voice," will take place October 12-15 at Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Convention Center. More than 7,000 aging-services providers, researchers, educators and business partners will choose from over 200 education sessions and view 600 vendor and supplier exhibits that can help them provide the highest quality care and services for older adults. Click here for more information and to register: [Register](#)

### **NAHCA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 17-18**

Suzanne Weiss, AAHSA Senior Vice President for Advocacy, asked that we share information with you about the National Association of Health Care Assistants' convention, September 17-18 in Kansas City, in the event you would like to send any of your CNAs or health care assistants. Here is the link to the association's web site for more information and to register: [www.nahcacaes.org](http://www.nahcacaes.org)