

2024 Committee List



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AL/PC Quality Committee

PHCA Committee Lead – Chris Fisher

The Assisted Living and Personal Care (AL/PC) Quality

Committee will assist in identifying and prioritizing policy objectives concerning quality-related issues and initiatives. A particular emphasis will be placed on collaboration to share best practices, opportunities for improvement and coordination of quality initiatives for assisted living and personal care. The committee will engage in a dynamic partnership to develop, provide and enhance resources that can help improve staff competency, resident care, and community partnership. Areas of collaboration will include AHCA/NCAL Quality Awards, staff well-being, customer satisfaction, hospital readmissions, antipsychotics, dementia care and falls, along with looking at other industry-wide quality trends.

AL/PC Regulatory Committee

PHCA Committee Lead – Gail Weidman

The Assisted Living and Personal Care (AL/PC) Regulatory

Committee will assist in monitoring the policy and regulatory landscape of evolving assisted living and personal care issues. This is the “go-to” committee to support PHCA staff in the development of comments and recommendations on proposed state regulatory amendments, procedure changes and amendments to both the PCH Regulatory Compliance Guide and the ALR Regulatory Compliance Guide. This committee will identify the educational needs of AL/PC members as it relates to the inspection process and regulatory provisions, as well as assist in the development of tools and resources to support the success of AL/PC members.

Legislative Advisory Committee

PHCA Committee Lead – Tim Ward

*PHCA’s **Legislative Advisory Committee** works closely with the PHCA team to guide the development and implementation of the association’s legislative agenda. This committee will help take the lead on developing policy initiatives that will be championed by PHCA membership. The members of the committee will also provide their expertise in helping PHCA determine whether legislation introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly or in Washington, D.C. should be supported or opposed, as it relates to strengthening the long-term care continuum. The committee will review policy proposals and offer comments and recommendations to help craft and secure favorable legislative language. The committee also serves as a facilitator of the association’s advocacy strategy to enhance the grassroots participation of the broader PHCA membership.*

Nursing Facility Quality and Clinical Practices Committee

PHCA Committee Lead – Chris Fisher

The Nursing Facility (NF) Quality and Clinical Practices

Committee will assist in identifying and prioritizing policy objectives concerning quality-related issues and initiatives. A particular emphasis will be placed on collaboration between

nursing facility members to share best practices, opportunities for improvement and coordination of quality initiatives across the long-term care continuum. The Committee will remain aware of State Quality Initiatives and work towards improvement goals with interventions and resource development. Additional areas of committee collaboration will include but are not limited to, survey trends, AHCA/NCAL Quality Awards, Internal Process Improvement, CMS Quality Programs such as VBP, QRP, PBJ and Nursing Home Compare, along with an in-depth look at the PHCA Quality Dashboard.

Nursing Facility Regulatory Committee
PHCA Committee Lead – Gail Weidman

The **Nursing Facility (NF) Regulatory Committee** will assist in monitoring the policy and regulatory landscape for nursing facilities at both the state and federal levels. The committee will review and provide comments on new Department of Health initiatives that impact nursing facility members. This is a “go-to” committee that will support PHCA staff in the development of comments and recommendations on proposed state and federal regulatory amendments, procedure changes and guidelines. The committee will also identify nursing facility members’ educational needs as it relates to the survey process and regulatory provisions, as well as engage in discussions related to survey issues and share best practices.

Payment for Services Committee
PHCA Committee Lead – Gail Weidman

The **Payment for Services Committee** will assist in identifying and prioritizing policy objectives concerning nursing facility payments with particular emphasis on Medicaid payments, provider taxes and other federal/state financing methods. Assist in assuring the financial viability of members under the CHC program, minimizing any negative impacts of the program and continuing to explore ways to improve and enhance payments in the program. The members of the committee will collaborate and work with PHCA staff to develop tools and resources that support PHCA members in their efforts to demonstrate their continued value to CHC-MCOs. If and when the opportunity arises, the committee will assist in the development of a Medicaid payment system for AL/PC providers.

Workforce Committee
PHCA Committee Lead – Gail Weidman

The **Workforce Committee** is charged with identifying and guiding the association’s workforce development initiatives. Through industry collaboration and external partnerships that run parallel with PHCA’s workforce objectives, the committee will analyze and provide recommendations on policies, programs, education and best practices to better serve the membership as a whole. The objective of the PHCA Workforce Committee is to expand the pool of qualified workers, improve the retention rate of current employees within the industry and educate the community on collaborative opportunities.

Emergency Management Committee

PHCA Committee Lead - Chris Fisher, Gail Weidman

The **Emergency Management Committee** will collaborate in planning, developing, and implementing emergency procedures to support facility operations. It will include monitoring the Life Safety landscape for nursing facilities, personal care homes and assisted living residences at both the state and federal levels and OSHA standards. The committee will review training and education topics to provide to the entire membership, as well as sharing best practices while engaging in discussions relative to life safety survey issues and emergency preparedness issues. This committee allows for providers to actively review their emergency plans and procedures, as well as discuss real world scenarios to prepare their buildings better.