

Long Term and Post-Acute Care Law and Compliance

February 23-25, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Downtown | Nashville, TN

Monday, February 23, 2026

6:00-9:00 am		
Hotel Guest Breakfast Enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast. Embassy Suites guests can choose from made-to-order omelets and hot buffet items.		
Harmony (Level 4)		
8:00 am-5:15 pm		
Conference Attendee Assistance: Check-In and Badge Pick-Up		
East Registration Desk		
8:00-9:00 am		
Conference Breakfast This event is included in the registration fee. Attendees, speakers, and registered guests are welcome.		
Foyer		
9:00 am-10:30 am General Session		
9:00-9:15 am Welcome and Introduction Mark S. Kopson, AHLA President Kirstin B. Sumner, Planning Committee Chair		
9:15-10:30 1. Impact of the Big Beautiful Bill on the Long Term and Post-Acute Care Industry David Cade (Moderator), James Balda, LaShuan Bethea, William A. Dombi, Jennifer Sheets		
Meadow A		
10:30-11:00 am		
Coffee and Networking Break		
Foyer		
10:45 am-12:15 pm	11:00 am-12:15 pm Extended Sessions	
2. Introduction to Long Term and Post Acute Care (Primer) (not repeated) Jason T. Lundy Julia K. Tamulis	3. Reducing Violence in Senior Living: Innovative Strategies for a Safer Health Care Workplace Caroline J. Berdzik Minton P. Mayer Kathleen M. Reilly	4. Value-Based Enterprise Care Coordination Arrangements: Innovation that Advances Post-Acute Care Jordan Holland Howard J. Young
Meadow A	Meadow C	Meadow D
12:15-1:15 pm		
Lunch Break		
12:15-5:15 pm		
Assisted Living In-House General Counsel Roundtable Topic: Legal Oversight in Assisted Living: Strengthening the Operator-Owner Relationship and Mitigating Risk, <i>sponsored by NCAL</i> Pre-registration is required: space is limited; open to Assisted Living In-House Counsel only. Lunch is included		
Riverbed A		

Monday, February 23, 2026, continued

1:30-2:30 pm Concurrent Sessions		
5. Extending Senior Living Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Continuing Care at Home and Membership Programs (not repeated) Daniel Merriman Dr. Amanda Young Meadow A	6. From Active to Axed: A Guide to Medicare & Medicaid Terminations, Deactivations, and Payment Suspensions Elliot McMillan Emily M. Solum Meadow C	7. Discharge Dilemmas: Navigating Nursing Home Transfer and Discharge Rules, Appeals, and Pitfalls Sean Fahey Teresa Teeple Meadow D
2:45-3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions		
8. Medicare Part B Billing Risks and Opportunities (not repeated) Scott Kiepen Bill Ulrich Meadow A	9. From Due Diligence to Data Integration: The Critical Role of Cybersecurity in Health Care M&A John DiMaggio Christina Hultsch Meadow C	10. Health Care Fraud Enforcement in the Trump Administration: What In-House Counsel and Compliance Leaders Need to Know Rushmi Bhaskaran Janine Valdez Meadow D
4:00-5:15 pm Extended Sessions		
11. Introduction to Research Compliance for Skilled Nursing Facilities (not repeated) Sarah Couture Katy Wane Joseph Zielinski Meadow A	12. Case Law Update: Trends in Litigation and Enforcement Christopher Frisina Emily Newman Meadow D	13. Can States' Statutes Protect Continuing Care Retirement Communities from Bankruptcy? Bruce Anders Dee Pekruhn Jeffrey Trendel Meadow C
5:15-6:15 pm		
Networking Reception, <i>sponsored by Dorsey & Whitney LLP</i> This event is included in the registration fee. Attendees, speakers, and registered guests are welcome. Foyer		

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

6:00-9:00 am

Hotel Guest Breakfast

Enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast. Embassy Suites guests can choose from made-to-order omelets and hot buffet items.

Harmony

7:00 am-5:15 pm

Conference Attendee Assistance

If you have not checked in, stop by to print your badge.

East Registration Desk

7:00-7:45 am

Coffee Walk and Talk

Sign up through the app to connect over coffee and continue conversations with a refreshing walk outdoors.

Harmony

7:00-8:00 am

Conference Breakfast

This continental breakfast is included in the registration fee. Attendees, speakers, and registered guests are welcome.

Foyer

8:00-9:00 am Concurrent Sessions

14. Home Health and Hospice Legislative and Regulatory Update (not repeated)

Katie Wehri

Meadow D

15. 2025 Assisted Living Licensing and Senior Living Liability Trends: What You Need to Know (not repeated)

La Shuan Bethea
Betty J. Ulmer

Meadow C

16. SNF Legislative and Regulatory Update (not repeated)

Mark Johnson
Juli Pascoe

Meadow A

9:15-10:15 am Concurrent Sessions

17. External Audit Readiness: Strengthening Documentation, Coding, and Billing Compliance in Long-Term and Post-Acute Care (not repeated)

Stephanie Allard
Amanda L. Waesch

Meadow C

18. Hot Topics in Legal Ethics: 2026 Edition

Lynn M. Barrett

Meadow A

10. Health Care Fraud Enforcement in the Trump Administration: What In-House Counsel and Compliance Leaders Need to Know (repeat)

Rushmi Bhaskaran
Janine Valdez

Meadow D

10:15-10:30 am

Coffee and Networking Break
Exhibits Open—Meet the Exhibitors

Foyer

10:30-11:45 am Extended Sessions

19. The Best and the Worst of Long-Term Care Facility Vendor Contracts (not repeated)

Rachel Hold-Weiss
Katherine A. Proctor

Meadow A

4. Value-Based Enterprise Care Coordination Arrangements (repeat)

Jordan Holland
Howard J. Young

Meadow C

13. Can States' Statutes Protect Continuing Care Retirement Communities from Bankruptcy? (repeat)

Bruce Anders
Dee Pekruhn
Jeffrey Trendel

Meadow D

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, continued
12:00-1:15 pm

Lunch and Learn: When Defensible Care Isn't Enough: Navigating the Current Liability Environment,
sponsored by Ad Astra Healthcare Advocates

There is limited attendance and pre-registration is required. Continuing Education Credits are not available.

Riverbed B

1:30-2:45 pm Extended Sessions

20. Risk Management in Assisted Living (not repeated)	Skilled Nursing Facilities Interactive Session	Hospice and Home Health Interactive Session	Continuous Care Retirement Communities/Independent Living/Senior Housing Interactive Session
Tara A. Cope Joel S. Goldman	Jennifer R. Sourk	Patricia McGillan	Bruce Anders
Meadow A	Meadow D	Meadow C	Riverbed C

3:00-4:00 pm Concurrent Session

21. Legal and Medical Update on End-of-Life Care: Current Cases and Controversies (not repeated)	22. Preparing for Litigation in LTC: Designing Successful Offense and Defense Strategies	6. From Active to Axed: A Guide to Medicare & Medicaid Terminations, Deactivations, and Payment Suspensions (repeat)
Alan C. Horowitz Dr. Karl Steinberg	Stephanie Hildebrant Leanne Davis Hoskins	Elliot McMillan Emily M. Solum
Meadow A	Meadow C	Meadow D

4:15-5:15 pm Concurrent Session

23. LOI to Integration: Key Considerations for Successful Long-Term and Post-Acute Care Transactions (not repeated)	24. Understanding the Importance of Adopting Communication Resolution Programs (CRPs) in Senior Living and Long-Term Care	7. Discharge Dilemmas: Navigating Nursing Home Transfer and Discharge Rules, Appeals, and Pitfalls (repeat)
Brian Mills Adam Royal	Tara Clayton Thomas H. Gallagher	Sean Fahey Teresa Teeple
Meadow A	Meadow C	Meadow D

5:15-6:15 pm

Networking Mixer

This event is included in the registration fee. Attendees, speakers, and registered spouses and guests welcome.

Foyer

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
6:00-9:00 am

Hotel Guest Breakfast
Enjoy a hot breakfast at Harmony. Included for Embassy Suites guests.

Harmony
7:00-11:45 am

Conference Attendee Assistance

East Registration Desk
7:00-8:00 am

Conference Breakfast
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Foyer
8:00-9:15 am Extended Sessions

25. Attorney General Roundtable:
The Present and Future of State
Investigation and Enforcement for
Long Term and Post-Acute Care
(not repeated)

Thomas H. Barnard (Moderator)
Louise Lock
Brendan Maturen
Raja Mishra

Meadow A

3. Reducing Violence in Senior
Living: Innovative Strategies for a
Safer Health Care Workplace
(repeat)

Caroline J. Berdzik
Minton P. Mayer
Kathleen M. Reilly

Meadow C

12. Case Law Update: Trends in
Litigation and Enforcement
(repeat)

Christopher Frisina
Emily Newman

Meadow D
9:30-10:30 am Concurrent Session

26. Understanding and Navigating
the Informal Dispute Resolution
Process for Post-Acute Care
Providers (not repeated)

Elizabeth J. Tucker

Meadow A

9. From Due Diligence to Data
Integration: The Critical Role of
Cybersecurity in Health Care M&A
(repeat)

John DiMaggio
Christina Hultsch

Meadow C

24. Understanding the Importance of
Adopting Communication Resolution
Programs (CRPs) in Senior Living
and Long-Term Care
(repeat)

Tara Clayton
Thomas H. Gallagher

Meadow D
10:45-11:45 am Concurrent Session

27. Immigration and Its Impact on
Senior Living (not repeated)

Bahar Azhdari
Dustin J. O'Quinn

Meadow A

18. Hot Topics in Legal Ethics:
2026 Edition (repeat)

Lynn M. Barrett

Meadow D

22. Preparing for Litigation in LTC:
Designing Successful Offense and
Defense Strategies
(repeat)

Leanne Davis Hoskins
Stephanie Hildebrandt

Meadow C