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LNHA Convention & Trade Show a Success

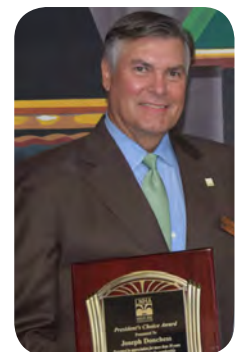


Thank you to the 126 exhibitors and nearly 400 administrators, nurses and various other staff who attended the LNHA Convention and Trade Show in New Orleans two weeks ago. We hope you found the

Convention informative and worthwhile.

The goal of this Convention was to provide superb education seminars while also offering networking opportunities for both vendors and colleagues. Our diverse and dynamic group of speakers provided in-depth insight and practical resources that will prove useful in your journey towards improving health care by advancing quality, efficiency and value for the residents you serve. Thank you to our sponsors and congratulations to our Annual Awards recipients. To view photos of the event, click [here](#) or search Facebook for #2016LNHAConvention.

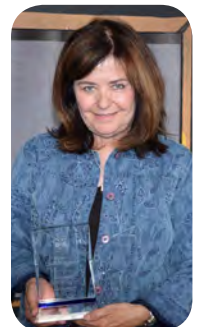
Convention [attendees](#) and [exhibitors](#), please complete the short survey that will provide useful feedback for future conferences and conventions. Mark your calendars for next year's LNHA Convention and Trade Show, September 6-8 at the New Orleans Marriott.



Annual Awards Recipients

Congratulations to this year's 2016 Annual Awards recipients. The winners for the Annual Awards Luncheon are as follows:

Award	Award Winner	Facility
Administrator of the Year	Tania LeMaire	Kaplan Healthcare Center
DON of the Year	Twyla Summerland	The Woodlands Healthcare Center
LPN of the Year	Barbara Johnson	Meadowview Health & Rehab
Medical Director of the Year	Dr. Ray Cinnater	Heritage Manor of Houma
Social Services of the Year	Cynthia McGregor	Twin Oaks Nursing & Rehab
RAD of the Year	Margaret Paul	Patterson Healthcare Center
Food Service Supervisor of the Year	Flora Wallace	Harmony House
CNAs of the Year	Lucy Coatney	Claiborne Healthcare, Region 6
	Francis Cooper	Guest House Nursing & Rehab, Region 5
	Joyce Jones	Senior Village Nursing & Rehab, Region 3
	Mary Neylon	Chateau Terrebonne, Region 1
	Mary Richard	Grand Cove, Region 7
	Charlene Richard	The Woodlands Healthcare Center, Region 4
	Tammy Williams	Landmark of Hammond, Region 2
Group Volunteer of the Year	Loyola College Prep School	Volunteering at Garden Park
Adult Volunteer of the Year	Linda Wegmann	Our Lady of Wisdom Health Care
2016 President's Award	Joe Donchess	Louisiana Nursing Home Association
2016 Pioneer award	Tommy Bankston	
2016 Posthumous award	J.B. Sarver	



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LNHA Board Urges Facilities and Associate Members to Donate to Flood Relief Fund



At the September board meeting, the LNHA Board of Directors determined to raise monies to support the employees of LNHA member nursing facilities who suffered flood damage to their homes, vehicles and personal possessions during the Great Flood of 2016 and the spring flooding in North Louisiana.

The board urges facilities and associate members to participate in this effort by donating a minimum \$500 tax deductible contribution to be deposited into a special escrow account in the Louisiana Long Term Care Foundation. Your \$500 donation will help nursing facility employees rebuild their lives while they continue to provide compassionate care to residents in your community. Employees in our nursing facilities are the lifeblood of our profession and success. If every facility participates, we will be able to make an enormous difference in the lives of those affected. Please make your check payable to: Louisiana Long Term Care Foundation. When mailing the check, address it to 7844 Office Park Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, and include "Flood Relief" in the attention line.

To be eligible for assistance, full-time or part-time employees must have experienced flood damage to their primary residence in a parish that received a disaster declaration from the governor and/or federal government. As you know, most of these homes were not insured against an unprecedented 1,000-year flood of this magnitude and federal assistance for recovery is limited.

In the coming weeks, you will receive an email with a survey link requesting a definitive number of how many of your nursing facility staff members are severely affected. If you have any questions about your donation, please contact [Karen Miller](#). Thank you for your participation and generosity in this effort as we work together to rebuild the affected communities.

AHCA Convention & Expo Coming Soon!



The countdown is on. Online registration is closed for the 67th AHCA/NCAL Annual Convention & Expo. If you missed the advance registration period, you may register on-site at the event in Nashville, Sunday, October 16. Registration will be open at 6:45 am.

Get all the information you need [online](#), including: speakers, education sessions, Expo Hall hours and exhibitors, along with the full schedule of networking opportunities and events. [Register today!](#)

Congratulations to Five-Star Rated Facilities



By now you are probably aware of the changes CMS has made to its Five-Star Quality Rating System. The changes that took place in July 2016 were established on three elements, survey data, staffing information, and quality metrics featured on the Nursing Home Compare website. The intent of the modifications are to provide consumers with more information in which to evaluate skilled nursing care facilities. The methods used to calculate the points for all 16 measures used in the Five-Star system were also changed. The new quality and overall star rating system include the following changes:

- The addition of five new measures
- Increasing the time frame for determining the quality metric from a three to a four quarter average
- Changing the scoring on the Activities of Daily Living measure from a state ranking to a national ranking

On August 10th, CMS released the July 2016 data from the newly implemented Five-Star Quality rating system to the Nursing Home Compare website thus signaling the start of the first phase-in of the five new quality measures using the revised methodology of calculating this data.

The Louisiana Nursing Home Association would like to congratulate the following member homes that went from a four-star rating to a five-star rating:

1. Grace Nursing Home - Slaughter
2. Grand Cove Nursing & Rehabilitation - Lake Charles

Congratulations are also in order for the following member homes that maintained their five-star rating:

1. Bethany MHS Health Care Center – Lafayette
2. Bayou Chateau Nursing Center –Simmesport
3. Carrington Place of Springhill - Springhill
4. Chateau De Notre Dame – New Orleans
5. Colonial Nursing Home – Marksville
6. Deridder Retirement & Rehabilitation – Deridder
7. Encore Healthcare and Rehabilitation – Crowley
8. Flannery Oaks Guest House – Baton Rouge
9. The Guest House – Baton Rouge
10. Harmony House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center – Shreveport
11. Heritage Manor of Opelousas – Opelousas
12. Lagniappe Healthcare – Bastrop
13. Lexington House – Alexandria
14. Matthews Memorial Health Care Center – Alexandria
15. Oak Haven Community Care Center – Center Point
16. Our Lady of Wisdom Health Care Center –New Orleans
17. Riverbend Nursing & Rehabilitation Center – Belle Chasse
18. Sabine Retirement and Rehab Center – Many
19. Senior Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center – Opelousas
20. St. Agnes Healthcare and Rehab – Breaux Bridge
21. St. James Place - Baton Rouge
22. The Oaks of Houma – Houma
23. Vermilion Health Care Center –Kaplan
24. Village Health Care at the Glen – Shreveport
25. Vivian Healthcare Center – Vivian
26. Willis-Knighton Extended Care Center – Shreveport
27. Wynhoven Health Care Center – Marrero



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CMS Releases Final Rule to Increase Civil Monetary Penalties

Maximum civil monetary penalties for skilled nursing providers will more than double under a final rule released August 29 by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The rule, which implements the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, adjusts the penalties to reflect inflation and “maintain their deterrent effect.” The final rule became effective on September 6.

The adjustments will raise the maximum penalty for out-of-compliance skilled nursing facilities from \$10,000 per day to \$20,628. This marks the first time that the CMPs have been adjusted since 1987. Additional CMPs that will increase under the rule include penalties for individuals who notify skilled nursing facilities when a survey is going to be conducted, a penalty for improper billing and penalties per instance of a skilled nursing facility failing to meet certification requirements. Click [here](#) to read the full list of CMPs that will increase under the final rule.



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