

# National Association for the Support of Long Term Care

Your Advocacy Voice for Quality In Post Acute Care

## NASL eNewsletter

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### End of the Year Wrap Up

"Hurry up and wait!" has been this year's theme. We hurried to prepare the industry for MDS 3.0 and waited for the RAI Manual; we hurried to address health reform and continue to wait for a passable bill; and in a turn NASL caused the delay of competitive bidding. We have also made substantial progress on the certification of EHRs in LTPAC, secured a delay in the implementation of MDS 3.0 and secured a reprieve in the implementation of the new Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) enrollment policy.

As we approach the end of the year, NASL is working to extend the therapy cap exceptions process and ward off a proposed 21 percent cut in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. These two issues are caught up in the health care reform debate. Final action on health care reform legislation will not occur until next year, but we remain optimistic that key Medicare provisions will be extended before Congress adjourns.

NASL was able to prevent significant problems and produce counterproposals for more equitable laws and regulations due in large part to your continued commitment to quality care.

### Looking Ahead

As we face the coming uncertainties be assured that NASL will continue to work to promote rehabilitation therapy, medical products, diagnostic testing, and information systems in the post-acute, home care, and long term care industries as we strive to manage this changing environment. We value your membership, and NASL will remain focused on meeting your needs. Together, we will continue to find creative and constructive ways to help those we serve.

### Mark Your Calendars

Join Key Capitol Hill insiders, federal regulators and policy authorities at the premier meeting for suppliers and providers of long term and post acute care supplies and services. Attendees will receive timely perspectives and valuable insights into health care reform, MDS 3.0 and the latest regulatory and legislative developments affecting long term care.



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