



The National Association for the Support of Long Term Care (NASL) is a Proud Partner in **National Health IT Week 2009**.

This September, NASL, as a partner in the advancement of health information technology to help reform healthcare, will join approximately 75 public and private sector organizations in Washington, D.C., to participate in the Fourth Annual [National Health IT Week](#) (September 21-25, 2009). With 2009 designated by the current Administration as the Year of Healthcare Transformation, the timing has never been better to invest in bringing tangible improvements to our nation's healthcare system via healthcare information technology - a topic front and center at this year's partner-initiated National Health IT Week events and publications.

**National Health IT Week 2009** will aim to educate and raise awareness among industry and policy stakeholders about leading health IT policy issues. Activities will focus on the recent developments surrounding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and healthcare reform.

Initiated in 2006 by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), National Health IT Week has emerged as a landmark occasion for bringing together diverse national healthcare stakeholders, who partner in developing neutral, common ground for the advancement of health IT adoption with "One Voice, One Vision."

The week consists of several partner events, including:

- **Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Telehealth and Healthcare Informatics Technology Showcase** (September 24, 2009)
- **National Health IT Week Press Conference on Capitol Hill** (September 22, 2009)
- **National Health IT Week Networking Reception** (September 22, 2009)
- **HIMSS Policy Summit** (September 22-23, 2009)

#### **One Voice, One Vision: Transforming Health and Care!**

Healthcare reform has now taken a prominent role in Washington, D.C., with both the House and Senate working in concert with the Obama Administration to pass effective legislation. In February, the President signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, a landmark bill that will impact healthcare delivery using information technology for decades to come. National Health IT Week 2009 participants will partner to send a powerful message to our nation's policymakers about the importance of fostering widespread health IT adoption to improve patient safety and healthcare quality.

Visit [www.HealthITWeek.org](http://www.HealthITWeek.org) for a full list of partners and a calendar of the Week's activities. Working together with our growing coalition of stakeholders, NASL will help transform healthcare for all.