



THCA STANDING COMMITTEES

ADVOCACY

Description: The Advocacy Committee recommends THCA positions on legislative issues; reviews and monitors bills during the legislative session; plans legislative activities; develops and implements programs to educate the public about the realities of long term care; works through paid and free media outlets to bring vital issues affecting long term care to the forefront of public discussion.

BYLAWS & POLICY

Description: Reviews the THCA Bylaws and any bylaw issues that have been referred to the committee. Any change to the THCA Bylaws originates from or is evaluated by this committee.

CONVENTION

Description: Works with THCA Staff providing recommendations on direction for the annual THCA Convention and Trade Show, and other annually held conferences.

DATA/REIMBURSEMENT (Payment for Services)

Description: Analyzes and monitors reimbursement issues on the state and national levels for Medicaid and Medicare. Collects and analyzes cost report data, audit data, wage and hour statistics and other information to assure that state Medicaid rates are calculated appropriately. Assesses the fiscal impact of pending rules, regulations or laws, and monitors budget issues on the state and national level.

MEMBERSHIP

Description: Responsible for developing recommendations regarding membership recruitment/retention and developing member services.

QUALITY (Education & Quality Improvement)

Description: Provides support and recommendations for the calendar of continuing education seminars. The committee also selects topics and speakers for seminars at Annual Convention and makes recommendations for other continuing education activities and professional development.

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REGULATORY (includes Facility Standards and Life Safety Code)

Regulatory

Description: Responsible for THCA regulatory activities including monitoring, reviewing, gathering data, and recommending action on nursing facility requirements of participation; survey and certification procedures and regulations; enforcement procedures and regulations; Medicaid Eligibility regulations; analysis of survey deficiencies; abuse and neglect investigation regulations and procedures; and other regulatory issues affecting long term care providers. The committee coordinates these activities with the Legal, Advocacy, Data/Reimbursement, and the Nurse Council, as appropriate, and ensures that members are informed of changes and important regulatory issues.

Life Safety Code

Description: Reviews and monitors any changes made to regulations and requirements regarding physical plant and environment, including but not limited to local and national building codes, NFPA/Life Safety Code, and state and federal Medicaid/Medicare regulations. The committee also monitors state surveyor activity and deficiency trends across TDHS regional boundaries to determine if regulations are enforced consistently across the state.

OTHER COMMITTEES

BUSINESS ADVISORY

Description: Made up of Associate Business members, this committee works with the Convention committee to plan the annual convention. Also works with the membership committee to recruit new association members.

LEGAL ADVISORY

Description: Provides recommendations to the THCA Executive Committee and Board through the active participation of volunteer lawyers as well as non-lawyer providers interested in promoting and improving the long term care industry.

MANAGED CARE

Description: Responsible for association policy recommendations on matters that affect the environment between health plans and nursing homes. The Committee reviews and provides recommendations on legislation and regulations regarding managed care. The Managed Care Committee also participates in developing advocacy priorities with the Legislature and regulatory agencies like the Texas Health Human Services Commission (HHSC).

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