



**ESAAL 2021 Annual Assisted Living Program Conference • October 20 – 21, 2021**

**Preliminary Schedule at a Glance**

<b>Weds 10/20</b> 5.00 CEUs	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>
11:00am	Registration Open / Refreshment break in exhibits	
12:45pm–1:30pm Welcome	Lisa Newcomb, Executive Director, ESAAL & Sean Doolan, Principal Attorney, Hinman Straub	<b>Welcome/Opening Session</b>
1:30pm–2:45pm General Session	Kathy Sindoni, RN, BSN, CLNC, Substantial Compliance Consulting Group	<b>Nursing Hat On, Nursing Hat Off – When Can an ALP Nurse be a Nurse?</b> - The role that a nurse plays in the Licensed Home Care Service Agency (LHCSA), Adult Care Facility (ACF), and Assisted Living Program (ALP) can be confusing and the lines between these licenses and programs often become blurred. In addition, there is a wide variety of ways the various titles and responsibilities are delineated from residence to residence. Furthermore, the ALP is inspected by both LHCSA and ACF surveillance teams who see the ALP through different lenses and, at times, have competing expectations. In this session the presenter will review the regulatory requirements, Department of Health (DOH) interpretations, and clinical limitations of the nurse serving in the LHCSA, ACF, and ALP. She will identify common areas of confusion and non-compliance, common practices for addressing these overlapping responsibilities, and best practices to meet DOH requirements and expectations. There will be plenty of opportunity for attendees to communicate ideas, lessons learned, and shared experiences.
2:45pm–3:00pm	Refreshment break	
3:00pm–4:30pm General Session	Joanne Jones, RN, Director, BKD	<b>Workforce Challenges: Building a Successful Team amidst Today's Regulatory and Economic Challenges</b> - The COVID-219 Pandemic has been challenging for Healthcare Providers on many fronts and has exacerbated an already difficult environment for recruiting and retaining qualified staff. Recent regulatory expectations regarding COVID-19 vaccination has added additional pressure for Adult Care Facilities to evaluate their recruitment and retention strategies to build and stabilize a team of staff that are prepared to provide high quality care and services to their residents. This presentation will discuss the most recent regulatory expectations that affect workforce in Adult Care Facilities and provide strategies for building a staff recruitment and retention program that is focused on meeting the needs of both the organization and the staff.
4:30pm–6:00pm General Session	Lori Sievers, Principal Attorney, Hinman Straub	<b>Keeping Up with Compliance</b> - As operators continue to face new and changing challenges, maintaining compliance remains a critical component to receiving reimbursement and maintaining income necessary to sustain operations. In this session, we will review compliance standards, tips for avoiding rejected claims on a later audit, COVID's impact on some standards, recertification requirements and other compliance matters.



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6:00pm–7:30pm	Networking cocktail reception	For all registrants/Champagne Toast to honor Retirement of Claire Bukzin Hakim
7:30pm	Dinner on your own	Kosher dinner will be provided
<b>Thurs 10/21</b> 5.25 CEUs		
7:30am–8:30am	Breakfast Kosher Breakfast	
8:30am–10:00am General Session	Rep from Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)	Session details coming soon
10:00am–10:30am	Refreshment Break	
10:30am–12:30pm	Round Table Discussions (Break-out Sessions)	Round table discussions – Participants will develop sample forms and policies and procedures, all to be shared with the entire group!
12:30pm–1:30pm	Lunch Kosher Lunch	
1:30pm–3:00pm General Session	Jennie Shufelt, Esq., Principal Attorney, Hinman Straub	<b>All Things OMIG: New developments and trends in ALP audits, and the increasing importance of provider compliance programs</b> - Jennie L. Shufelt, Esq. will be presenting “ <i>All Things OMIG: New developments and trends in ALP audits, and the increasing importance of provider compliance programs.</i> ” As a result of changes to NY SSL 363-d contained in the NYS 2020-21 Budget, all compliance officers are required to undergo annual compliance training. While open to all, this program is designed to provide compliance officers with required compliance training, highlighting the important role of compliance programs and compliance officer responsibilities, and discussing critical high risk issues that compliance officers should be aware of in implementing their compliance programs and conducting auditing and monitoring activities.
3:00pm–3:15pm General Session	Conference wrap up – Lisa Newcomb, ESAAL	