

# WVHCA Associate Member

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The WVHCA was established in 1976 and has become the state's leading health care association representing the needs of its long term care members. WVHCA acts to promote the delivery of quality long term care services through research, education, advocacy and professional standards. The WVHCA's focus is on strengthening public and political commitment to economic and regulatory principles that support an expanding scope of long term care services and diversified sources of revenue to improve resident/patient care. The WVHCA works with legislators, government officials, advocacy groups and other provider organizations to serve the needs of its members.

**Associate Members** are persons or organizations involved with the long term care profession or have a related business or professional interest in long term care. Associate membership is open to any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation, other than those eligible for nursing facility or assisted living membership. Associate Members are ineligible to hold office or vote on WVHCA matters, but may serve on committees. Associate Members join as an Individual Associate Member or a Corporate Associate Member.

A **Corporate Associate Member** is a corporation, partnership, firm, association which has a business or professional interest in the long term care profession. Corporate Members provide products and services to long term care facilities. *Corporate Members do not operate any type of long term care facility.* The purpose of corporate membership is to allow providers of products and services the opportunity to aid their clients through support of the WVHCA. Corporate Members can name up to three corporate staff to receive WVHCA information and services enabling them to better serve their long term care clients. The Corporate Members dues level is \$520 per year. Membership expires each year on the anniversary date of becoming a member.

An **Individual Associate Member** is a long term care consultant, presenter or an individual with a demonstrated interest in the long term care profession. Individual Associate Members are not employed or currently under the payroll of any facility eligible for voting membership in the WVHCA, excluding private consulting contracts with long term care facilities. The Individual Associate Member dues level is \$275 per year. Membership expires each year on the anniversary date of becoming a member.