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**Study Confirms Link between Professional Membership and Nursing Home Administrators**

**Alexandria, VA – July 29, 2015** – The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) announced that the *Journal of Health & Human Services Administration* (Vol. 37 No. 4) recently published a study which examines the association between nursing home administrators (NHAs) professional membership, certification, and fellow status with quality indicators in nursing homes.

Evidence is growing about the importance of the long term care administration profession to the delivery of quality care and service to the elders of our country, and is being advanced by both the public and practitioners in recent years. A study conducted by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire examined professional membership in the ACHCA and its relationship, if any, to the quality of care in nursing homes. The Quality Measures reported on the Nursing Home Compare website and facility information from the On-line Survey Certification of Automated Records (OSCAR) were used as baselines for quality comparisons.

The study findings reflected that nursing home administrators who are ACHCA members, certified members, and fellows are associated with facilities with higher quality of care and outcomes than non-members. These findings support the value of professional membership, as well as voluntary certification or fellow credentialing, with respect to quality improvement. The investment in leadership development embedded within this professional association and its associated advancement programs seems to be supported by clinical and financial outcomes that are essential for today's administrator. Please [click here](#) to access the abstract to this article.

**About ACHCA**

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's post-acute and aging services leaders. Focused on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum of long term care. For more information about ACHCA, contact the national office at (202) 536-5120 or visit [www.achca.org](http://www.achca.org).

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