



2026 FORUM ON POST-ACUTE, LONG-TERM CARE & ASSISTED LIVING

THE PROGRAM

7:30 AM	REGISTRATION OPENS
7:30 AM – 8:25 AM	BREAKFAST
08:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<i>Cutting Through the Hype: Real Uses of Artificial Intelligence in Long-Term Care</i> <u>Thomas Annarella, BS, LNHA</u> Valley Hi Nursing & Rehabilitation, Administrator
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<i>Panel Discussion—Turning Points Ahead: Critical Changes for Senior & Long-Term Care in 2026</i> <u>Lorena Amarillo, BA, CDP, DCS</u> Montclair Senior Living, Executive Director <u>Thomas Annarella, BS, LNHA</u> Valley Hi Nursing & Rehabilitation, Administrator <u>Pamela Bryan Kramer, BA, LPhT (Moderator)</u> Forum Extended Care Services, Executive Vice President
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	BREAK / VENDOR EXHIBITS
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<i>Partnering With Hospice in Long-Term Care: Roles, Regulations, and Best Practices</i> <u>Carol Sotir, MSN, FNP-BC</u> Family Home Health, Chief Clinical Officer <u>Lorena Amarillo, BA, CDP, DCS</u> Montclair Senior Living, Executive Director
12:00 PM – 12:55 PM	LUNCH PRODUCT THEATER
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<i>The Behavior Toolkit: Hacks, Fixes, and Game-Changers, Part 2</i> <u>Benjamin Surmi, MSG</u> Koelsch Communities, Social Gerontologist
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<i>Risk, Responsibility, and Readiness in Long-Term Care</i> <u>Meredith Duncan, BS, JD</u> Polsinelli, Attorney
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK / VENDOR EXHIBITS
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<i>Engage, Empower, Partner: Upskilling our Core Careforce</i> <u>Benjamin Surmi, MSG</u> Koelsch Communities, Social Gerontologist
4:30 PM	CLOSING REMARKS, DISTRIBUTION OF C.E. LINK, RAFFLE DRAWING & ADJOURNMENT