



RIAFSA

Rhode Island Association of Facilities and
Services for the Aging

2010 Policy Principles

RIAFSA represents the continuum of long-term care providers in Rhode Island, including not-for-profit nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and senior housing providers, as well as adult day health centers. Every day, our members help thousands of older Rhode Islanders and their families by providing the services that individuals need, when they need them, in the place they call home.

We are committed to a balanced long-term care system comprised of high-quality care and services from strong, ethical providers, now and in the future. Our underlying approach is to advocate for the right public policies for the right reasons.

Our 2010 Policy Agenda reflects this commitment:

- Responsible and adequate reimbursement for providers across the long-term care continuum that promotes quality of care, recognizes the scope of services that consumers need, encourages innovation, and incorporates increased costs facing providers.
- Expanded senior housing options in the community, coupled with appropriate services to support aging in place.
- Support for the development of innovative, client-centered models of care in Rhode Island as the long-term care industry restructures.
- Responsible implementation of the Global Medicaid Waiver to ensure it meets both consumer choice and provider needs, including timely and transparent assessments and authorizations, access to the necessary programs and services, and quality of care.
- Aligning payment and regulatory policies to promote seamless transitions across all settings.
- Diligent oversight of financial eligibility for Medicaid to reduce any misuse or abuse in order to ensure scarce dollars are spent appropriately.

The mission of RIAFSA is to advance excellence in the field by fostering innovation, collaboration, and ethical leadership; advocating for sound public policy; providing education, collaboration, and professional development; valuing older people and their right to make choices; and promoting a continuum of services. RIAFSA is an affiliate of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.