



Your local leader in nursing
and rehabilitation services.

For Immediate Release
July 28, 2022

Contact: Kyle Counselman
863-873-3571

Zakiyo Jackson Chosen as a Future Long Term and Post-Acute Care Leader for National Organization

Greenwood, MS – Nexion Health announced today that Zakiyo Jackson, LSW, NHA, CHEP has been chosen by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) as a national, future leader in long term and post-acute care. Zakiyo will join AHCA/NCAL's Future Leaders program, a year-long program that offers training and guidance for industry professionals.

"I am thrilled to welcome Zakiyo Jackson to our newest class of Future Leaders," said Mark Parkinson, president and CEO of AHCA/NCAL. "In the midst of a historic labor crisis in long term care, we need to continue to develop leaders in the profession that will help us build back our workforce of health care heroes. Zakiyo and our other Future Leaders will help transform our profession for the better, and we are honored to help them develop their careers in this rewarding sector."

From Meera Riner, Nexion Health Chief Operating Officer: We are elated that Zakiyo has been chosen for this distinguished honor. She is a natural leader with much experience and will bring great insight and passion to the group.

Zakiyo is a graduate of the University of Mississippi where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She is a licensed Social Worker and Nursing Home Administrator and has received numerous awards and accolades including participating in the Class of Future Leaders in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care, Mississippi Business Journal's Class of Health Care Heroes, and Nursing Home Administrator of the Year. She has previously served as a Quality Awards Senior Examiner for AHCA/NCAL, on the Survey Preparedness Committee and the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

AHCA/NCAL developed the Future Leaders program in 2004. Selected participants demonstrate both leadership potential and represent the interests of state and national long term care providers. The program covers the latest theories and practical applications in quality management, customer satisfaction, and leadership. The year-long program kicks off with the "Future Leaders of Long Term Care in America" Symposium held each year in Washington, D.C.

ABOUT AHCA/NCAL

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represents more than 14,500 non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers and homes for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities. By delivering solutions for quality care, AHCA/NCAL aims to improve the lives of the millions of frail, elderly and individuals with



**Your local leader in nursing
and rehabilitation services.**

disabilities who receive long term or post-acute care in our member facilities each day. For more information, please visit www.ahcancal.org.

Nexion Health affiliates operate skilled nursing facilities in Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and two assisted living facilities in Louisiana. Nexion affiliates provide short-term and long-term care, supported by competent clinical teams that are equipped with the skills, tools and state-of-the-art equipment necessary to take care of the needs of their residents.