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AANLCP NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our October Newsletter! We believe in transparency, growth, communication, and the power of a professional community!

Executive Board News

Dear AANLCP Members,

As fall settles in and we look toward a new year, I want to thank each of you for the dedication, expertise, and compassion you bring to nurse life care planning. Our association continues to grow in influence and recognition, and that is a direct reflection of the work you do every day.

AANLCP's 30th Anniversary

2027 is the year of AANLCP's 30th anniversary. The theme for our year of celebration is "Steering the Standard": 30 Years of Leadership & Legacy. Please stay tuned for more information as we get closer to this magical milestone in our history.

Welcoming Our 2027 Board Members

I am pleased to welcome the newest members of the AANLCP Board of Directors, who begin their terms in 2027:

- **Christie Mitstifer**, President-Elect
- **Margo Craig**, Secretary-Elect
- **Becky Czarnik**, Member at Large

Each brings valuable experience and a strong commitment to our mission. Please join me in congratulating them and thanking them for their willingness to serve. The association is in very capable hands.

2027 Benchmark Summit: Early Bird Registration Is Open

Early bird registration for the 2027 Benchmark Summit is now open. The Summit is our premier opportunity to learn from leaders in the field, sharpen our practice, and connect with colleagues from across the country. Register by December 15, 2026, to take advantage of discounted rates at <https://aanlcpconference.com/>. I hope to see many of you in **Fort Worth** on **March 10-13, 2027**.

Share Your Expertise: Call for Presenters

We are still seeking presenters for the Summit. If you have knowledge, research, case experience, or practice insights that would benefit your fellow nurse life care planners, we want to hear from you. Presenting is a wonderful way to contribute to the profession and help shape its future. Please submit your proposal by October 31, 2026, at <https://aanlcpconference.com/speaker-application-2027/>.

With gratitude,
Craig Felty, RN, BSN, MBA, FACHE, FIG LCP-C, FIG MCP-C



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Outreach Committee

The AANLCP Huddle continues to be well attended; however, recent feedback indicates that the schedule may not always fit. Please be sure to respond to a recent survey on the 2027 Huddle schedule so we can continue to meet the needs of our members!

Keep your eye out for our new Welcome Packet, highlighting all the AANLCP offerings! And a huge thanks to Maria Dalisay for her creativity in creating this.

Have ideas, suggestions, or requests for our member offerings? Please reach out to: outreach@aanlcp.org



Conference Committee

The AANLCP National Benchmark Summit: \$750 Super Early Bird Now Open!

With our Virtual Benchmark complete, all eyes are now on Fort Worth, Texas, for our 30th Anniversary milestone event: The AANLCP National Benchmark Summit - March 10–13, 2027.

The AANLCP National Benchmark Summit

Steering the Standard: 30 Years of Leadership & Legacy

For a limited time, you can secure our Super Early Bird rate of \$750 - the lowest pricing available for this gathering at the Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel.

March 10–13, 2027

Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas

Heavy-Hitting Speakers: Finalizing an elite roster of clinical leaders, legal experts, and industry visionaries to deliver high-impact education.

Premier Exhibitors & Sponsors: Partnering with key vendors and technology leaders across the medical-legal landscape, giving you direct access to cutting-edge practice tools and strategic resources.

30th Anniversary Celebrations: Designing special milestone networking events, receptions, and mentorship spaces to honor three decades of expertise.

Sponsor, Exhibit, or Connect

Looking to showcase your brand to top-tier Life Care Planners and nurse experts? Sponsorship and exhibitor spaces for The AANLCP National Benchmark Summit are filling fast. Reach out to the committee at conferencecommittee@aanlcp.org to get involved.

We look forward to celebrating 30 years together in Fort Worth!



Education Committee

WEBINAR WEDNESDAY:

Every Second Wednesday of the month at 10 am PST/ 1 pm EST. Please register so that you have access to the on-demand recording.

November 11: **Tori Goldhammer** - Adaptive Technology updates

December 9: **Becky Czarnik** - Surgical Costing Tips and Tricks

Looking to expand your horizons and share your expertise by presenting a webinar? Let us know! [Insert Email Address Link: education@aanlcp.org]

Research Committee



The research team has completed its final review of the first nine surveys and is now preparing articles for a special journal issue. Once that work is complete, we will begin distributing the next round of surveys.

The AANLCP Research Committee seeks experienced volunteers to help peer-review an upcoming special issue of the Journal of Nurse Life Care Planning. If you have an MS/MSN and/or PhD/DNP, we need your expertise to review these articles.

We are looking for professionals with experience in:

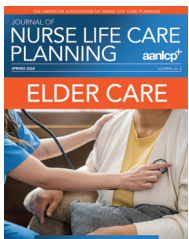
- Survey data analysis
- Reviewing research reports
- Evaluating data and findings
- Review period: November 9–30, 2026
- Volunteer deadline: October 31, 2026

This is an opportunity to contribute your expertise to the professional community and support the advancement of nurse life care planning research

Mentorship Committee

Get a Mentor · Become a Mentor

Lifeline Mentorship connects you with an experienced nurse life care planner who's already worked through it. Free for Premier and Associate Premier members — fill out a form, and the Mentorship Program matches you with an experienced mentor. Mentoring is open at every membership level.



Journal Committee

Upcoming AANLCP Journal Issues

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in the Journal? Would you like to be a part of determining what goes into an issue? We are looking for a few people to join the Journal Committee. If you would like to get involved in the monthly meetings or join the quarterly peer reviews, contact the Journal's editor, Vanessa, at journal@aanlcp.org. If you don't have time, you can always feel free to email ideas on topics and articles you would like to see included to the same email address. Or if you know someone interested in submitting an article or know an expert who may be interested in contributing on something in their field, you can send them the Journal's email address to open a discussion. If you want to check it out, you are welcome to join our monthly meeting. You can sit in and see what it's like, contribute ideas, and talk about topics you think could be beneficial in a future issue. We would love to have you. Contact journal@aanlcp.org for an invitation with the link to the meeting.

Membership Spotlight:

Maria Rizza Dalisay, RN, CNLCP®, CPC®, FIG LCP-C

I'm Maria, a Registered Nurse, Certified Professional Coder, and Life Care Planner. I've been an RN since 2007 and have worked in the Med-Legal field for more than eight years. My work primarily focuses on medical bill reviews, medical cost projections, and life care plans.



5 Fun Facts

1. I have held RN licenses in three countries and have worked across a variety of healthcare settings, including medical claims, clinical research, medical-surgical nursing, OB/Gyn, and skilled nursing.
2. I'm a proud Filipino American (Fil-Am), raised with a deep appreciation for family, community, resilience, and gatherings with plenty of good food... enough to make sure guests leave with something to take home
3. Christmas is my favorite time of year, and in our household, it starts in September and happily continues well after New Year's. My husband & our two boys have quickly become enthusiastic holiday helpers.
4. Education is one of my favorite aspects of professional involvement. I'm grateful to have helped organize our annual Virtual Conference since its launch five years ago and to serve on the Education, Outreach, and Mentorship Committees. If I hadn't become a nurse, I likely would have become a teacher.
5. Outside of work, I'm a lifelong reader who happily jumps between legal and mystery thrillers, philosophical and historical fiction, sci-fi, romantasy, and my favorite, horror. As a proud millennial, my playlist is basically a mixtape: a little bit of everything, depending on the day. And as a Ravenclaw at heart, I genuinely enjoy details, organization, and learning.



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- ✓ Continuity in quality and professional standards
- ✓ A confidential, respectful, and straightforward process



Whether you're ready to step back soon or simply beginning to consider future options, we would welcome a private conversation.

Let's connect confidentially to discuss what a transition could look like.

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Vendor Relations

Expanding Member Value, Strengthening Partnerships & Building Sponsorship

Your Association. Your Benefits. Your Connections.

Vendor Relations is an important part of strengthening our community. By cultivating meaningful relationships with vendors, sponsors, and organizations that share our professional interests, we can expand member benefits, encourage greater engagement, and create opportunities that support the association's mission.

Coming Soon MemberDeals: Exclusive Savings for Members

MemberDeals is an online entertainment and travel discount program designed to help members and their families save on activities, vacations, and experiences.

MemberDeals serves more than 50 million members nationwide and offers discounts of up to 60% on select products and experiences. The program provides access to exclusive, member-only offers through an internet-based platform.

MemberDeals offers discounts across a broad range of entertainment, travel, and leisure categories, including:

- **Theme parks and attractions:** Walt Disney World® Resort, Disneyland®, Universal Orlando Resort™, SeaWorld® Parks & Entertainment, Six Flags®, Cedar Fair® parks, and water parks.
- **Entertainment and live performances:** Movie tickets, Broadway shows, Cirque du Soleil®, concerts, Las Vegas shows, sporting events, and other live entertainment.
- **Travel and vacations:** Hotels worldwide, rental cars, cruises, ski tickets, and other travel-related experiences.
- **Sightseeing and family activities:** CityPASS offerings, attractions, and other experiences available across the country.

MemberDeals Access: Members will receive an email with further guidance on accessing and utilizing MemberDeals benefits.

Connecting With Members Ahead of the 2027 National Benchmark Summit

With Texas serving as the host location for our upcoming AANLCP annual conference, we have an opportunity to strengthen relationships with members throughout the state.

Our initiative will focus on connecting with Texas-based members, encouraging participation, sharing relevant member-benefit opportunities, and identifying individuals who may have valuable professional, business, or community connections.

The 2027 National Benchmark Summit is coming to Fort Worth, Texas on March 10-13, 2027, and we're seeking Texas life care planners to identify potential sponsors, exhibitors, and vendor partners.

Sponsor referrals: Patricia Montgomery, BSN, RN, LNC, Member Specialist, Vendor Relations, is the designated contact person to submit sponsorship leads to, so that members will know exactly where to send their leads. Patricia can be reached via email at provenancelegalnurseconsulting@gmail.com, and she will respond to your inquiries.

Our members can serve as valuable ambassadors by sharing leads and making introductions all year long to help advance association initiatives, foster meaningful industry collaborations, and create new opportunities that benefit members.

Your connections can make a difference. Your ideas matter. And every qualified lead can open the door to a new partnership.

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Thank you to our AANLCP members for helping Vendor Relations build a stronger, more connected, and more valuable community.

Your Executive Board

THANK YOU! We are excited to share information, give you updates about the association, and stay connected. If you have feedback, comments, ideas or something you would like to share, please reach out to info@aanlcp.org.

Best wishes, **Your Executive Board**



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