

What Has TALA Done For You Lately?

Advocacy Edition

TALA initiated advocacy comes to fruition in 2026. New HHSC guidance reflects TALA's dual commitment to fairer regulations for providers and the preservation of resident choice. TALA is thankful to the members who joined us for extensive conversations with HHSC. Together, we've not just held the line against regulatory creep, we've re-established new boundaries for assisted living communities.

Amending and Clarifying Regulations

- Technical Memo 2025-01 Natural Gas Generators – Allows assisted living communities to install generators which are solely reliant on utility natural gas.
- Provider Letter 2026-07 Reporting Resident Falls – Removes the requirement to report a fall simply because it is unwitnessed, adds clarification and importance of a resident's service plan.
- Provider Letter 2026-01 Types of Incidents Providers Must Report – Clarification regarding allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation, examples of situations, and a flow chart to better understand what needs to be reported.
- Provider Letter 2026-12 Immediate Threat Identification and Process – Outlines the steps for writing a Plan of Removal and a Plan of Correction, clarifies that an Immediate Threat citation should be applied to serious incidents.
- Provider Letter 2026-11 ALF Emergency Preparedness – HHSC will begin enforcing HB 3595 requirements September 1, 2026. HHSC's guidance is consistent with TALA's implementation explainer.
- Informal Dispute Resolution Process Improvement – HHSC will now inform providers of a second opportunity to submit evidence and modify a Rebuttal Letter.

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Provider Member Only

Educational Webinars

- Understanding Texas' Data Privacy Laws
- Generators, Solar Panels, Batteries, and the Texas Back Up Power Package Program

Regulatory Explainers

- Emergency Preparedness Checklist – Comprehensive guide to state requirements
- Elevator Malfunctions – Contact information and regulatory guidance for elevator issues
- Referral Agency Law – Breaking down new requirements and expectations under Texas' new referral agency law
- Open Records Requests – How to solicit information from state agencies and example templates

And much more...

- Meet-and-greets with elected officials
- Access to RUTH, 24/7 AI regulatory mascot

One-on-One Provider Member Assistance

- Information requests to the Health and Human Services Commission
- Clarifications on rules and regulations
- Conversations with local elected officials, fire marshals, and other key stakeholders