



North Carolina Continuing Care Residents Association

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History & Other Facts & Figures (Nuts & Bolts You May Like To Know)

The North Carolina Continuing Care Residents Association (NorCCRA – formerly NCCCRA) was founded in 1988, and incorporated, mainly through the efforts of Dr. Harry Groves, who was a retired law professor, a law school dean and an expert in constitutional law. Dr. Groves was living in a Continuing Care Residents Community (CCRC), and became concerned about our inadequate state laws in effect at the time for our CCRCs. As a result of the incorporation and the continuing efforts of several other concerned individuals, a bill was introduced into the General Assembly and after appropriate debate, became North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 58, Article 64. The law was intended to give basic legislation for licensing and regulation of CCRCs in North Carolina. This law gives CCRC residents very good protection, among the best in our nation.

This law has been in effect for several years now with no significant changes, but we cannot assume that this will remain so in the future. NorCCRA is vigilant and protective of the law that is so important to CCRC residents.

More recently, NorCCRA led a lobbying and letter-writing campaign by our members that resulted in both the reinstatement of the federal and state medical expense deduction, without a cap, and the sales tax exemption for non-profit organizations.

Lobbying efforts receive better attention when backed by an impressive number of organizational members.

Currently, there are 59 CCRCs in North Carolina licensed by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. These 59 CCRCs have 20,000 plus residents, including Independent, Assisted Living and Health Care. There are 36 of these CCRCs with residents who are members of NorCCRA. It would be more impressive in our lobbying efforts if we could say that NorCCRA has members living in ALL of the CCRCs in North Carolina, and a substantial increase in membership, as well.

NorCCRA has adopted procedures for communication with our members. In addition to getting information from our website www.norccra.org, and receiving our quarterly newsletter *The Hotline*, we communicate through Community Representatives who are chosen from the NorCCRA members within your community. Through your Representative(s), you will have access to the best ways that you can promote and ensure optimal quality of life throughout the continuum of care for the diverse population of residents of North Carolina's CCRCs.

How can your community's residents become aware of NorCCRA and their potential benefits from membership in NorCCRA? Mostly, that depends on individual(s) who are leaders in your Resident Association or Council who would provide information about NorCCRA to their residents. And NorCCRA can help you by providing additional information, brochures, etc., when we receive the name of an individual with whom we can communicate.

NorCCRA has adopted procedures for communication with our members. In addition to getting information from our website <http://www.norccra.org>, and receiving our quarterly newsletter *The Hotline*, we communicate through Community Representatives whom you designate once your community has one or more residents who join NorCCRA. A Community Representative (elected, appointed or volunteer chosen **from its NorCCRA members**), will be provided guidance as to ways interest can be generated and more members recruited from residents within your community. Through the representative(s), your community will have access to the best ways that residents can promote and ensure optimal quality of life throughout the continuum of care for the diverse population of residents of North Carolina's CCRCs.

NorCCRA is an organization ***By Seniors . . . For Seniors . . . With Seniors***. We can do things together that we can't do alone. We need you and we believe you need us.

Your NorCCRA journey can begin once we receive the name and contact information of an individual in your community that will serve as your Community Representative

Purpose of NorCCRA

Advocates for strong laws, regulations and general practices for the protection and well-being of Continuing Care Retirement Community residents.