Book:
Quality of Life and Policy Implications for Long-Term Care Communities

Leadership and staff working in nursing homes and residential care communities serve as gatekeepers to resident well-being, often without recognizing how residents’ quality of life is impacted by their decision-making. Using a life domain approach, this book builds on research-based studies to document key drivers of care recipients’ quality of life and outlines practical, programmatic and policy suggestions to enhance their well-being. It offers a roadmap for both leaders and managers of long-term care communities, and policymakers regulating health and human services, to best structure care environments to maximize quality of life and well-being for long term care recipients.

Article:
An Analysis of Assisted Living Administrator Qualifications Across States and a Proposed Minimum Standard

As the assisted living market grows in size and resident acuity, responsibilities of assisted living administrators have increased, but requirements vary widely across states. Assisted living has drawn federal attention with increased Medicaid spending, COVID-19 challenges, and federal trends around consumer protection and occupational mobility. This study compiled information about assisted living administrator requirements across states, and examined them for similarities, differences, and common trends. Wide variation in assisted living administrator qualifications were identified, including some states with extremely low requirements. In the context of literature and pragmatic practices, a standard for minimum qualification requirements of assisted living facility administrators is justified and proposed.