



**2025 Big Sky AMES Conference Agenda**  
**Fairmont Hot Springs Resort**  
**Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup>**

<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Vendor Set Up in the Exhibit Hall</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Meet Your Vendors Patio By the Pool</b>

**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 AM**

	<b>Respiratory Track</b>	<b>Regulator track</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Home Ventilation 2025 and Beyond</b> Zach Gantt, RRT FAARC President and CEO Encore Healthcare	<b>Look Ahead: Key Legal Issues Facing DME Suppliers in the Next 12 months.</b> Jeff Baird, Brown & Fortunato
<b>10:00 – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Maximizing Reimbursement within the Respiratory Area</b> Ronda Buhrmester, VGM	<b>Engagement from the Inside Out</b> Miriam Lieber, Lieber Consulting/Sponsored by ACU-Serve
<b>11:00 – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>
<b>11:30 - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Combination Therapy High Flow/Ventilation</b> Bob Garster RRT, React Health	<b>Impact of Compliance on a DME Suppliers Valuation.</b> Jeff Baird, Brown & Fortunato
<b>12:30 - 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch with the President</b> Mike Calcaterra, Norco, Inc.	<b>Lunch with the President</b> Mike Calcaterra, Norco, Inc.
<b>1:30 - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>
<b>2:00 - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Innovative Solutions in Modern Re supply</b> Kyle Neese, ACU-Serve	<b>Accountability Measures to Increase Productivity &amp; Improve Culture</b> Miriam Leiber, Lieber Consulting/Sponsored by ACU-Serve
<b>3:00 - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Recognition and Treatment of Bronchiectasis</b> Nicole Dunn MBA, RRT, CPM, TACTILE MEDICAL	<b>Audit Response Strategies</b> Kelly Grahovac, vanHalem Group
<b>4:00 - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vendor wine and cheese</b>	<b>Vendor Wine and cheese</b>
<b>5:00pm - ???</b>	<b>Ladder Ball Tournament and Dinner out by Pavilion</b>	<b>Ladder Ball Tournament and Dinner out by Pavilion</b>

**Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8 AM.**

	<b>Respiratory Track</b>	<b>Regulatory Track</b>
<b>9:00 -10:00 AM</b>	<b>Oxygen Safety</b> Jim Christ, Applied Homecare	<b>Patient Co-Payments: Collection, Waiver, &amp; Patient Assistance Programs</b> Jeff Baird, Brown & Fortunato
<b>10:00-11:00 AM</b>	<b>Solving the Patient Processing Problem</b> <b>How to Create Real Operation Leverage Amidst Language Model Mania</b> Johnathan Bridges, Tennr	<b>Solving the Patient Processing Problem</b> <b>How to Create Real Operation Leverage Amidst Language Model Mania</b> Johnathan Bridges, Tennr
<b>11:00-11:30AM</b>	<b>VENDOR BREAK</b>	<b>VENDOR BREAK</b>
<b>11:30-1:00 PM</b>	<b>Legislative Update/Lunch</b> Michael "Ike" Isaacson, VGM Group	<b>Legislative Update/Lunch</b> Michael "Ike" Isaacson, VGM Group
<b>1:00-2:00</b>	<b>Making Nocturnal Oxygen Important Again</b> Lawrence Mrvica, Testsmarter	<b>Medicare Advantage: What's New with Medicare Advantage (New Regulations New Administration)</b> David Chandler, AA Homecare
<b>2:00 – 2:30 PM</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>
<b>2:30-3:30 PM</b>	<b>Mouthpiece and non-invasive ventilation</b> Aaron Schmitt, Breas	<b>Raising the Leadership Bar</b> Miriam Leiber, Lieber Consulting/ Sponsored by ACU-Serve
<b>3:30-4:30 PM</b>	<b>Tonya Gillies, POE</b> <b>Noridian Medicare</b>	<b>Tonya Gillies, POE</b> <b>Noridian Medicare</b>

**BUSES START LEAVING @ 5:30 TO SCHMITTY'S BARN**

**Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

<b>8:00-8:55 AM</b>	<b>Registration Open for All Attendee's</b> <b>Breakfast on Your Own</b> <b>All Classes Will be Held in the Ponderosa Room</b>	
<b>9:00-9:55 AM.</b>	<b>Montana Medicaid Updates</b>	<b>Montana Medicaid Updates</b>

Schedule and Agenda Can Be Subject to Change

Save the Date for the 2026 Big Sky Conference  
August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> 2026  
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