



## 2026 Big Sky AMES Conference Agenda Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

### Tuesday August 11<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>

- If you're obtaining AARC (Respiratory) CEU's from the Conference, a QR code that you can access from your phone will be provided for you prior to the conference. This will take you directly to the survey.

### Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 AM

	<b>Respiratory Track</b>	<b>Regulatory track</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Understanding Oscillating Lung Expansion (OLE) Therapy Mark Frantzen, BSRT ABM Respiratory Care West Key Account Manager</b>	<b>AI-Powered Efficiency: Streamlining HME Operations &amp; Patient Outcomes A Panel Discussion Miriam Lieber, Lieber Consulting Sponsored by ACU-Serve Ilan Buckman, DocFlowLabs</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>One Big Beautiful Bill Jeff Baird, Brown &amp; Fortunato</b>	<b>One Big Beautiful Bill Jeff Baird, Brown &amp; Fortunato</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>
<b>11:30 - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Non-invasive &amp; Mouthpiece Ventilation for Neuromuscular Patients Aaron Schmitt, Breas</b>	<b>DMEPOS Provider Enrollment Updates Kelly Grahovac, vanHalem Group</b>
<b>12:30 - 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch with the President Brad Garpestad, Benefis</b>	<b>Lunch with the President Brad Garpestad, Benefis</b>
<b>1:30 - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>	<b>Vendor Break</b>
<b>2:00 - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Oxygen Update Rhonda Buhrmester, Prochant</b>	<b>Oxygen Update Rhonda Buhrmester, Prochant</b>
<b>3:00 - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Mask fitting Thomas Shaw, Fisher &amp; Paykel</b>	<b>“Payer Relations – Hot Topics” David Chandler, American Association for Homecare</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 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8 AM.**

	<b>Respiratory Track</b>	<b>Regulatory Track</b>
<b>9:00 -10:00 AM</b>	<b>Understanding Public Safety Power Shutoffs: How, When, Why and Where.</b> Max Rebholz  <b>Wildfire Public Information Manager</b>	<b>Understanding Public Safety Power Shutoffs: How, When, Why and Where.</b> Max Rebholz  <b>Wildfire Public Information Manager</b>
<b>10:00-11:00 AM</b>	<b>The Gut-Lung axis: Pulmonary manifestations of gastrointestinal disorders</b>  Ryan Nahapetian, MD Providence Pulmonary and Sleep	<b>How to Maximize Your Leverage as an AI-Powered DME</b>  Harshil Mattoo, Armory DME
<b>11:00-11:30AM</b>	<b>VENDOR BREAK</b>	<b>VENDOR BREAK</b>
<b>11:30-1:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch with Ike, VGM Group Legislative Update</b>	<b>Lunch with Ike, VGM Group Legislative Update</b>
<b>1:00-2:00 PM</b>	<b>Optimizing Sleep Care</b> Kurt Bywater, Philips Respironics	<b>Reducing Fraud, Waste and Abuse: What Will CMS Do?</b>  Kelly Grahovac, vanHalem Group
<b>2:00 – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>NIV Updates</b> Ronda Buhrmester, Prochant	<b>Operational Efficiency/KPI</b>  Miriam Lieber, Lieber Consulting Sponsored by ACU-Serve
<b>3:00-4:00 PM</b>	<b>PAP effect on cardiac function</b>  DR. Kishore Karamchandani Providence Pulmonary and Sleep	<b>Compliance Program - Mistake Avoidance Company Valuation Audits and 60-Day Rule</b>  Jeff Baird, Brown & Fortunato

**BUSES START LEAVING @ 4:30 PM TO SCHMITTY'S BARN**

**Friday, August 14th**

<b>8:00-8:55 AM</b>	<b>Registration Open for All Attendee's 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>

\*\* Agenda may be subject to change.

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