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NDLTCA Newsletter

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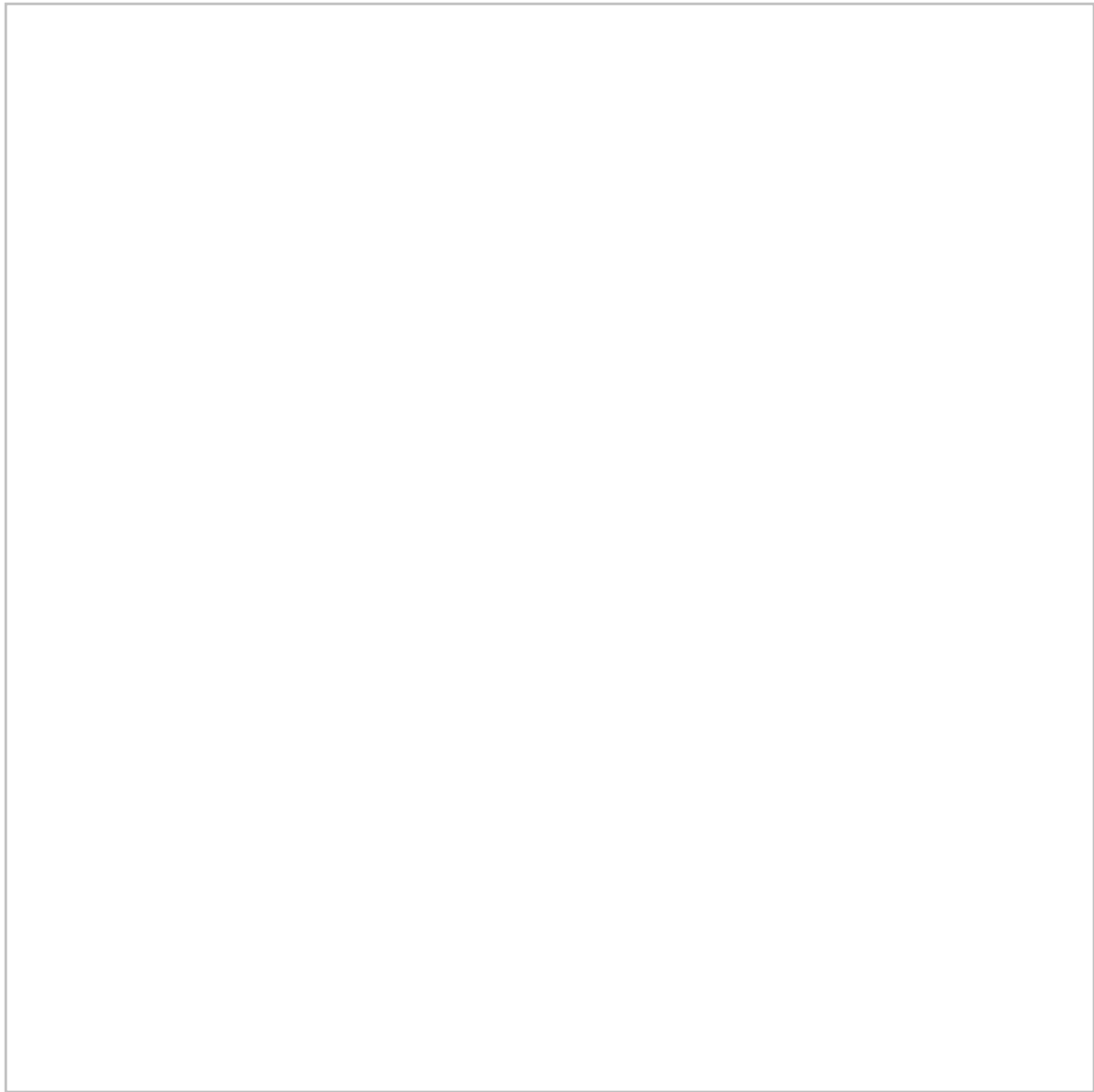
Basic Care - BC
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Quality

AHCA/NCAL President and CEO Mark Parkinson Urges Members to Apply for a National Quality Award. 8 Days Left Until the 2024 Deadline.

All Members

[Watch Now](#)



NDLTCA Updates

Frank L. Wedge Memorial

Non Profit NF

All NDLTCA non-profit nursing facility members are eligible and encouraged to apply. Nonprofit nursing facilities can apply for up to \$10,000.00. The money is to be used to enhance and improve long term care services within your facility. Taking applications

now and must be postmarked by March 31, 2024.

[Click Here for Application](#)

NDLTCA Volunteer of the Year Award

All Members

Do you want to thank a healthcare volunteer who changed the lives of those residents in your facility? Nominate that person, or group, for The North Dakota Long Term Care Association (NDLTCA) Volunteer of the Year! At NDLTCA's Annual Convention in Bismarck, NDLTCA will honor volunteers who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of long-term care residents. Follow the link for a fillable nomination form. **Nominations due February 2, 2024**

[North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Volunteer of the Year \(ndltca.org\)](#)

All Members

The Caregiver Award recognizes employees who go above and beyond to substantially enhance the quality of life for residents/tenants. All employees working in North Dakota long term care facilities are eligible for the award. For a fillable form and more information please follow the link.

Nominations due February 2, 2024

[North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Caregiver Award \(ndltca.org\)](#)

Summer Administrator's Conference

All Members

SAVE THE DATE! The Summer Administrator's Conference is scheduled for **July 23-26, 2024**, at Chase on the Lake in Walker, MN. The room block is now open for booking. Please call 218-547-7777 and be sure to let them know you are reserving your room under block number: 162265.

Questions? Contact Peggy peggy@ndltca.org

Advocacy

Update From the PAC Chair

All Members

Hello NDLTCA Friends and Colleagues!

It has been a great year for the PAC and we are thankful for all our members and the support at all our events. We will be making some exciting changes in the year ahead to help make the PAC even stronger. New for 2024, individuals joining as members of the PAC will be entered into a raffle drawing for **one of five \$100 Visa gift cards**. The prizes will be awarded during the 2024 NDLTCA Annual Convention in Bismarck. You do not need to be present to win.

Membership in the PAC has been one of the most successful methods in raising funds and awareness for our great association. When you join, you make a statement which our elected leaders recognize throughout the state of North Dakota. They recognize and listen for the important discussions and issues taking place across our state's nursing, basic care, and assisted living facilities. We have been extremely successful the past decade in passing positive legislation that helps boost our reimbursement, lessen burdensome rules, and pave the way for future generations of individuals living and working in our industry.

Please help make this the strongest year yet for the NDLTCA-PAC by joining our membership. Membership is open to all employees, board members, friends, and family!

Cheers,

Reier Thompson, Chair
NDLTCA-PAC

[PAC Membership](#)

[PAC Membership Drive](#)

Jan. 30 | 1 pm | Health Care Committee | Contract Nursing Study

All Members

Nikki will be presenting at the Interim Health Care Committee regarding establishing licensure and minimum standards for contract nursing agencies.

[Click here to view](#)

Burgum announces he won't seek third term

All Members

Gov. Doug Burgum announced he will not seek a third term as governor, which will conclude Dec. 14, 2024. "Serving as governor and first lady of the great state of North Dakota has been one of the most incredible and rewarding experiences of our lives. Kathryn and I are eternally grateful to the citizens of North Dakota

for twice giving us this opportunity to serve the state we love so much,” Burgum said. Burgum was elected to serve as North Dakota’s 33rd governor in November 2016 and took office Dec. 15, 2016. He was re-elected to a second term in November 2020.

ND Department of Health and Human Services

NDHHS is announcing the availability of new funding for HEPA air-cleaning device(s) and/or filters.

All Members

This program is intended to reimburse facilities who purchase HEPA devices and/or filters that improve the air quality in resident rooms and/or gathering areas. This one-time funding is available for congregate facilities that provide basic care, independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, and other care listed in this survey are eligible for this funding.

- This [survey](#) is intended to preregister the facility with NDDHHS. A letter of agreement will be sent to the facility/organization to initiate the reimbursement process.
- Please note organizations with multiple facilities will need to do a sign up for each physical location looking for reimbursement.

For any questions, please contact the NDDHHS HAI Program at rpeters@nd.gov.

Paxlovid in LTC

All Members

Antiviral medications for Covid are now commercialized. Costs will vary from

insurance to insurance.

The patient or their representative can apply for assistance through the PAXCESS program.

Even if the patient is covered by commercial insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or has no insurance they can still apply and all or part of the patient's cost is covered. You can apply online and download the savings card right after you applied so it can be utilized immediately.

For patients: PAXLOVID.com/PAXCESS

For providers: [PAXLOVID.pfizerpro.com/ access-support/access](https://PAXLOVID.pfizerpro.com/access-support/access)

HHS confirms that there is no shortage of the medications.

If you have any questions, contact George Gerhardt at HHS 701.328.1308 or ggerhardt@nd.gov

AHCA Updates

Share with your Medical Director

Upcoming Webinar: COVID-19 Immunization Strategies for LTC

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The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid will host a webinar on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. ET** regarding strategies to increase immunization rates in long term care.

This webinar is geared toward nursing home leaders, medical directors, directors of nursing, and infection preventionists interested in collaborating with their staff, residents, and families to maximize COVID-19 vaccination rates at their facilities.

During the webinar, attendees will hear directly from nursing home teams that

have developed successful strategies to overcome COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and fatigue, schedule onsite vaccination clinics, and address staff turnover to ensure residents receive timely vaccinations.

[Register Here](#)

Diversity Executive Leadership Program Now Accepting Applications

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The American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) is excited to announce the opening of applications for the next class of the Diversity Executive Leadership Program (DELP).

DELP is a competitive application process. Fifteen scholars will be selected to participate in a two-year leadership program consisting of education, mentoring, networking, and volunteer service in the AHCA/NCAL community.

If you have any questions, please contact Christy Herle at cherle@ahca.org.

[Apply Now - Deadline: Friday, February 16](#)

Education

Free CE Recruitment & Retention Webinar

ALL MEMBERS

In 2024, Healthcare Academy will be offering a free CE webinar series focused

on recruitment and retention strategies to nurture your team and elevate your organizational culture.

Creating a People-Centered Culture

Thursday, February 8, 2024

1:00pm - 2:00pm Central Standard Time

[REGISTER HERE](#)

CHAT educates staff about reducing elderspeak

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Dr. Kristine Williams and I from the University of Kansas School of Nursing are seeking nursing homes nationwide to participate in a NIH-funded research study testing a new online version of the evidence-based Changing Talk (CHAT) communication training program.

CHAT educates staff about reducing elderspeak (infantilizing communication) and results in reduced behavioral symptoms and need for psychotropic medication for residents with dementia. The new online version (Changing Talk: Online Training (CHATO)) consists of 3; one-hour interactive online modules that provide flexible and accessible access for staff.

Please see the [website](#) to learn more about CHATO and view our research and training resources.

[**More Education on our Website**](#)

Career Opportunities

All Members

Post a Job on Our Website

[North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Career Opportunities \(ndltca.org\)](https://www.ndltca.org/career-opportunities)

If you would like to post a job opening for your facility, please contact Casidie Fladeland at 701-354-9775 or email casidie@ndltca.org

Workforce - ND Internship program

Organizations can apply for up to \$40k for internship opportunities. While the occupations under healthcare may not benefit our facilities, check out the other positions within your organization, such as, financial, administrative, etc.

[Operation Intern \(nd.gov\)](https://www.nd.gov/operation-intern)



