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NDLTCA Newsletter

November 21, 2023



Happy Thanksgiving! On this day of gratitude, we say thanks to the incredible long term care staff who dedicate themselves to serving their residents. May your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth and joy!

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
RETIREMENT PARTY

CELEBRATING
THE 34 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO
THE ND LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATION

Shelly Peterson

December 12
Join us between 5-7:30pm
Sixteen03 Main Events
1603 East Main Ave., Bismarck

Respond by Dec. 1
701.222.0660 or carol@ndltca.org

A block of rooms has
been reserved under
ND Long Term Care Association
at the Radisson in Bismarck 701.712.6475

All are invited.
RSVP to carol@ndltca.org

All Members - *All Members*
Assisted Living - *AL*
Basic Care - *BC*
Nursing Facilities - *NF*



Cherished Hopes Buckets and Raffle Prizes *All Members*

We had our Convention meeting today with the committee and came up with a great prize option to support our sports themed convention this year, "Quality - A Whole New Ballgame". **I am reaching out to see if anyone would be willing to donate sporting event tickets?** Examples like, UND Hockey tickets, Twins, Vikings, NDSU, Larks...or anything else that you can come up

with. Some of you might be season ticket holders or just might know a guy! This would be in support of the Cherished Hopes raffle draw.

Also, reaching out to Regions II & IV (Grand Forks & Bismarck) to see if your facility would be willing to donate a “Themed” Basket for this year’s Bucket Draw at the 47th Annual May Convention.

The money raised for the auction goes to the Cherished Hopes Program which is used to grant wishes from residents within Long Term Care facilities in North Dakota. It was decided by the committee that each year different regions would be selected and asked to participate in donating different baskets. We do ask that the value of the baskets be at least \$100. The most popular theme for baskets seems to be Coffee or Wine, but there has been gardening, camping, barbecuing, NDSU, Designer Purses, movie night, Smart Home, toys... the list is endless!

Please let me know if you are interested in donating a basket for the Cherished Hopes Raffle.

Thank you in advance! Looking forward to hearing from you. Email me if this is something that you can help with. Casidie@ndltca.org

NDLTCA Updates

Spring 2024 Alan B. Engen Nurse Scholarships

All Members

Several scholarships will be available for distribution.

Spring application deadline is April 1, 2024.

For complete details and application, visit:

New York Times on Assisted Living Costs

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This weekend, the New York Times ran a story regarding [assisted living costs, pricing structures, and financial returns](#). This is the second part of their series dubbed "[Dying Broke](#)," which is taking a larger look at how our country pays for long term care. We worked with the reporter for many months and are glad to see LaShuan was quoted numerous times to help balance the piece.

Should you receive any follow up inquiries, please find our talking points [here](#).

We anticipate the NYT Dying Broke series will continue, and we'll keep you posted on future articles.

Behavioral Health Resource

shared by Emily Dakken at Marion Manor *NF*

"I reached out to the [Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health in Nursing Facilities \(COE-NF\)](#) and I got a call back within the hour from Stephanie Smith. She scheduled a zoom call for us this afternoon and I, our social worker and resident care coordinator met with her. They seem like a very good

resource for people in similar situations. She provided us with a lot of education and had a few more ideas. Was a good meeting!” [COE also has free training opportunities.](#)

[DHS - Mental Health Program Directory \(nd.gov\)](#)

Quality, Certification, and Oversight Reports for Nursing Homes shared by Tonie Stoen at SMP Health – Ave Maria *NF*

Below is a public link so you can go on at anytime and see the common tags that have been cited.

On the left-hand side click Nursing Homes, then click on citation frequency, then you will need to narrow down what you are looking for. You can choose time interval, state, Life Safety are usually how I narrow my search down.

[S&C QCOR Home Page \(cms.gov\)](#)

CMS Finalizes Additional SNF Transparency Requirements Regarding Ownership, Disclosable Parties, and Public Reporting AHCA/NCAL NF

CMS has issued a [display copy](#) of a final rule, titled *Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Disclosures of Ownership and Additional Disclosable Parties Information for Skilled Nursing Facilities and Nursing Facilities; Medicare Providers' and Suppliers' Disclosure of Private Equity Companies and Real Estate Investment Trusts* . The final rule requires nursing homes to disclose additional ownership and management information to CMS and the states, much of which will be made available to the public by CMS within one year.

[Read more...](#)

CMS Issues PDPM Grouper Software Update to Fix Case Mix Errors AHCA/NCAL NF

Soon after the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented version 1.18.11 of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) on October 1, providers in states that use PDPM-based payment models under Medicaid noticed that the PDPM case-mix classification from OBRA assessments were incorrect. Specifically, incorrect case-mix assignments were occurring for the Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy components on many OBRA assessments.

On November 13, CMS issued the below notice of a software coding fix.

[Read more...](#)

Education

Proactive Medical Review Webinar Series *NF*

We have two months left of the Proactive Medical 12 month series webinars. Please reach out to [Caside](#) if you are not signed up but would like to attend these final webinars.

- **Deep Dive Into Federal Regulations**
December 12, 2023, 1:30 p.m. 483.70 Administration Requirement
- **SNF Department Head Briefing**
November 28, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Departmental Collaboration and Teamwork
December 19, 2023, 1:30

New Member Orientation *All*

Members

January 17, 2024, 10 am – 2 pm

Register: carol@ndltca.org

NDLTCA, 1900 N 11th Street, Bismarck

NDLTCA Annual Convention *All*

Members

May 7-10, 2024

Bismarck, ND

NDLTCA Summer Administrator Conference

July 23-26, 2024

Chase on the Lake, Walker, MN

NDLTCA Fall Conference *All*

Members

September 23-26, 2024

Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

p.m. Customer Service
Concepts for the Crew

KEPRO's skilled service termination appeals process from Kepro's appeals team *NF*

Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 2-3 p.m. Eastern Time

[Register](#)

KEPRO Training *NF*

January 10, 2024, 10:30 a.m. Central Time

Presented by Nancy Jobe, KEPRO Outreach Specialist

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 268 681 340 397

Passcode: bmCENT

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Exercise Ball Drumming Training for Activity Professionals *All Members*

[One 45-minute exercise ball drumming session per week via Zoom from](#)

[February through May 2024.](#) Deadline to register January 1st. Seats limited.

Register by contacting director@kori-art.org

[More Education on our Website](#)

AHCA/NCAL Educational Opportunities

Register Today for the Assisted Living Advocacy Webinar *AL*

Join AHCA/NCAL on an interactive webinar Tuesday, December 5, 2023, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET to learn the importance of advocacy, why assisted living providers should care about advocacy, the key to building relationships with your Members of Congress, the latest in NCAL’s advocacy tools for assisted living providers, and up-to-date information on bills that impact assisted living.

[Read more...](#)

Being a member of NDLTCA makes you a member of AHCA/NCAL. If you need help logging in, let us know! carol@ndltca.org

Emergency Preparedness

Infection Control Training *All Members*

41 One-time awards still available!!

[Read more...](#)

Upcoming HPP Call For LTC – Emergency Preparedness & Response *All Members*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 11:00 AM

[Agenda](#)

Outlook Meeting invite sent by Vanessa, 11/15/2023

If you don't have this meeting invite and want to attend, contact Vanessa –

vanessa@ndltca.org

Advocacy

Senator Cramer Leads Legislation Prioritizing Merit-Based Immigration, Address Shortage of Doctors and Nurses *All Members*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND) will lead his colleagues in reintroducing two pieces of bipartisan legislation to address critical healthcare workforce shortages and eliminate arbitrary, ineffective per-country visa caps. Both bills establish merit-based immigration policies.

[Read more...](#)

And another article: <https://www.inforum.com/opinion/letters/letter-immigration-reform-promotes-a-healthy-workforce>

Caregiver and Volunteer of the Year Awards

Do you want to thank a healthcare worker who changed your life, or the life of someone you love? Nominate that person for the The North Dakota Long Term Care Association (NDLTCA) Caregiver of the Year or Volunteer of the Year Awards!

[Click here for the Caregiver Nominations Form](#)

[Click here for the Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form](#)



Contact us at 701-222-0660 or email Nikki at nikki@ndltca.org or Peggy at peggy@ndltca.org.
