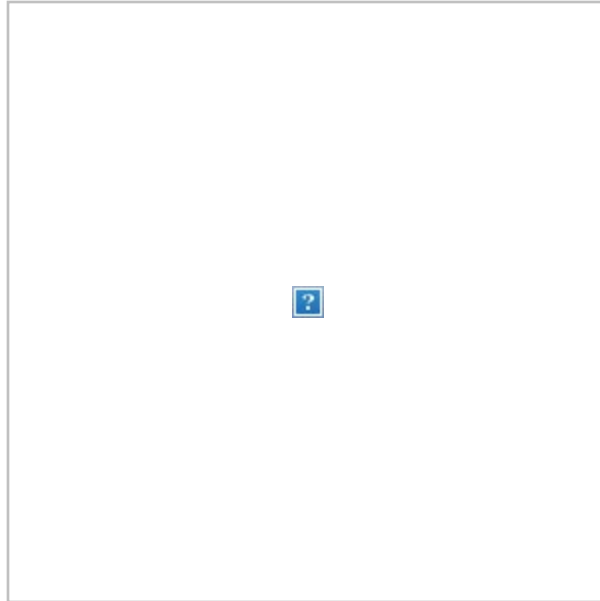




NDLTCA Newsletter
February 27, 2024



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NDLTCA Updates

NEW PASSWORD - ndltca.org Members only section

SENT ONLY TO ADMINISTRATORS

The members only section's new password starting today is:

members2024

[Link to the webpage](#)

NEW DUE DATE- Allan B. Engen Scholarships

ALL MEMBERS

NDLTCA is providing \$1,000 scholarships this spring for nursing students.

Applications due by **1 pm on April 1, 2024.**

Those who applied or were awarded scholarships last semester are eligible to apply again.

[Application information](#)

ND HHS Update

CNA Certification and Registration Changes

ALL MEMBERS

Released Feb. 21, 2024

Federal requirements do not allow an individual to challenge a CNA exam or to take the exam without having completed a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program (NATCEP).

Effective July 1, 2024, all individuals seeking to become a CNA will be required to complete a state-approved nurse aide training and competency evaluation program before completing the exam.

In addition, the North Dakota Nurse Aide Registry is changing the process for determining expiration dates of CNA registrations. Expiration dates will be based on the date of initial registration plus two years with a renewal on a 2-year timeframe. Currently, expiration dates are based on the last date worked plus two years. Expiration dates will no longer be based on the last date worked.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nurse Aide Registry at naregistry@nd.gov or 701-328-2353.

State's List for Administrators

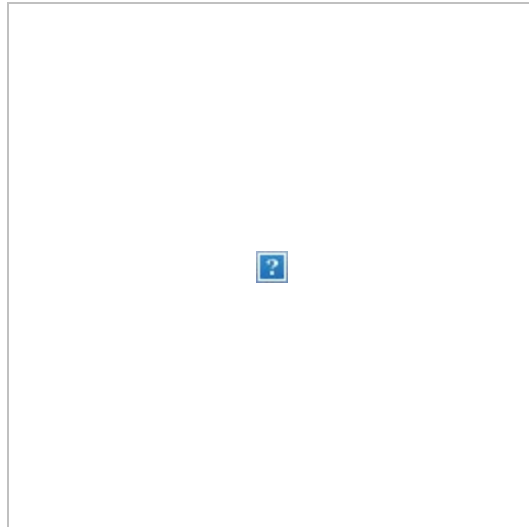
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If you'd like to check and make sure Health Facilities has the most up-to-date information on your facility administrator and bed count, [check here.](#)

Education

Please join us at our upcoming Convention and Expo! We would love to have you participate in this exciting event.

To register, please follow the link here: [47th Annual Convention & Expo!](#) We look forward to seeing you there!



The Impact of the MDS:

On management of quality outcomes, payment accuracy & operations

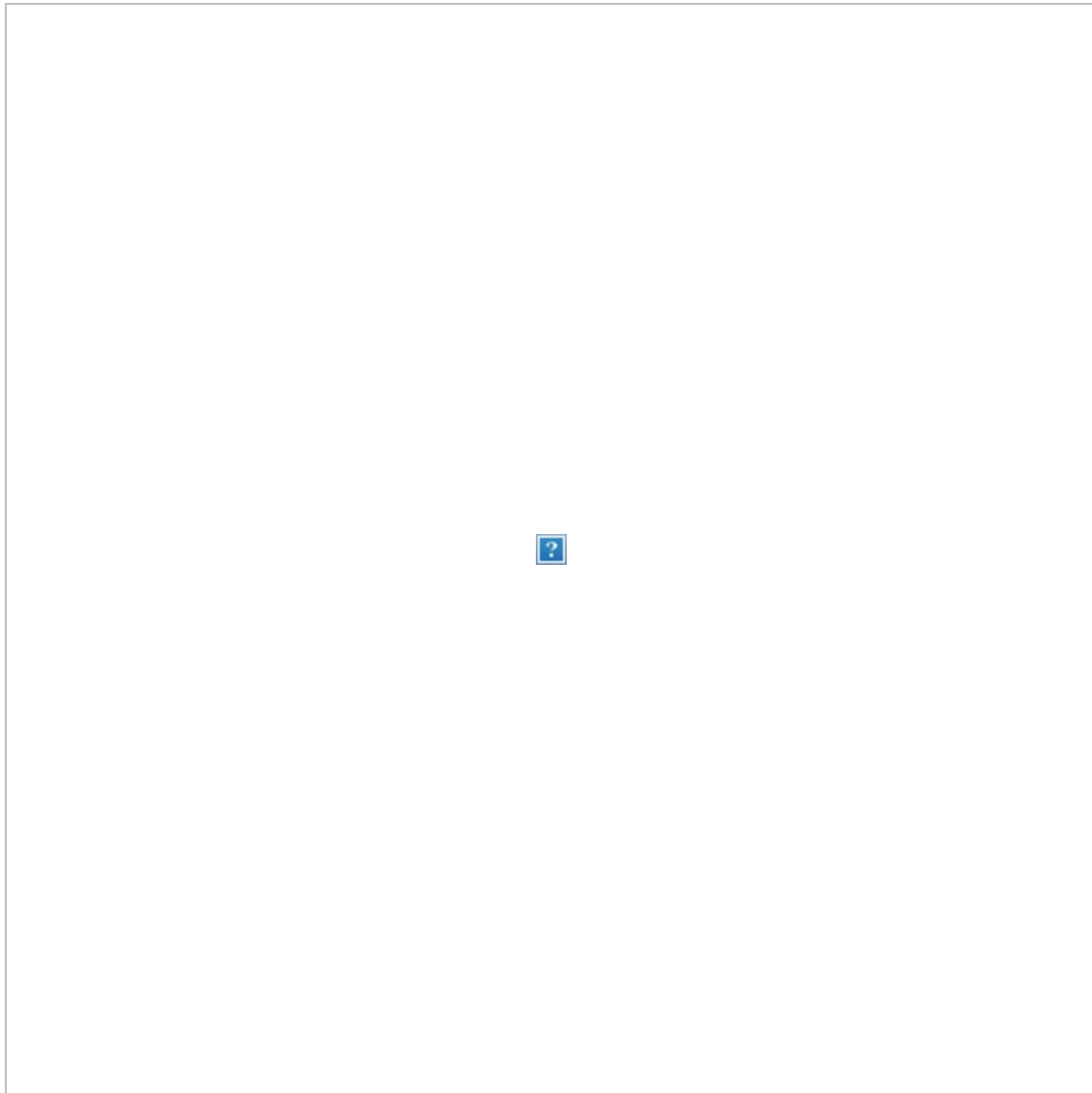
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There are two more sessions in the 5 part series (see below). If you register now, you will also get the recordings of the sessions that have past. [REGISTER HERE](#)

February 28 - MDS Five Star Factors

March 6 - MDS Systems & Mechanisms for Care Plan Effectiveness

For more information about the sessions, [click here](#).



Life Safety Bootcamp

NF

NDLTCA and NDESA are sponsoring an intensive 2-day training with a Life

Safety Code Expert, Kenn Daily, LNHA, at the NDLTCA Life Safety Bootcamp, Wednesday & Thursday, **April 10th and 11th.**

Don't miss this great learning experience at affordable prices!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Check out this story on our website!](#)

Partner Education

Navigating Nutrition and Mealtime for People Living with Dementia Virtual Symposium

Dakota Geriatrics and the Alzheimer's Association are offering a **FREE** learning opportunity for providers, healthcare professionals, community workers and caregivers with experts on dementia practices.

Full schedule, CE and registration information are included in the attached flyer. Please encourage your faculty, partners and trainees to register and attend the event.

For more information: [Click Here](#)

Register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Activity Professional of ND 2024 Spring Workshop

All Members

Time: March 15th, 9:00am-4:00pm

Location: Valley Senior Living on 42nd
[4000 24th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND](#)

Follow the link for more information: [Spring Workshop](#)

Registration deadline: Monday, March 11th

DOL's Final Rule on Independent Contractor Classification – LTC Provider Impact

All Members

[Register here](#)

When: Friday, March 8, at 1-2pm ET

On January 10, 2024, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) published a final rule, entitled [Employee or Independent Contractor Classification Under the Fair Labor Standards Act](#), that goes into effect on March 11, 2024. Hear from legal experts on how the new final rule will impact your workplace as long term care provider, and get your pressing questions answered.

COST: Free to AHCA/NCAL Member | \$50 Non-members

[2024 AHCA NCAL Education Product Guide](#)

NCAL Update

Medicaid Access Rule Under Review at OMB

AL

The [CMS Medicaid Access Proposed Rule](#), which includes home and community based services (HCBS) mandatory quality measures, is now under review of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This proposal has a requirement that providers allot 80% of their HCBS payments to direct care workers, among other things. OMB will review the regulation and determine the cost to the government to implement the rule as proposed; this is one of the final steps prior to the final rule being released.

NCAL along with over 2000 associations, providers, and other stakeholders submitted comments in response to the proposed rule last summer. The overarching theme of our comments are:

- NCAL does not support the proposal that CMS mandate any pre-set percentage of waiver service reimbursement to direct care givers without evaluation of the adequacy of HCBS waiver rates in all 50 States and the District of Columbia.
- NCAL recommends CMS conduct a study to identify the impact of the proposed rule and unintended consequences.

Career Opportunities

All Members

Post a Job on Our Website

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

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