

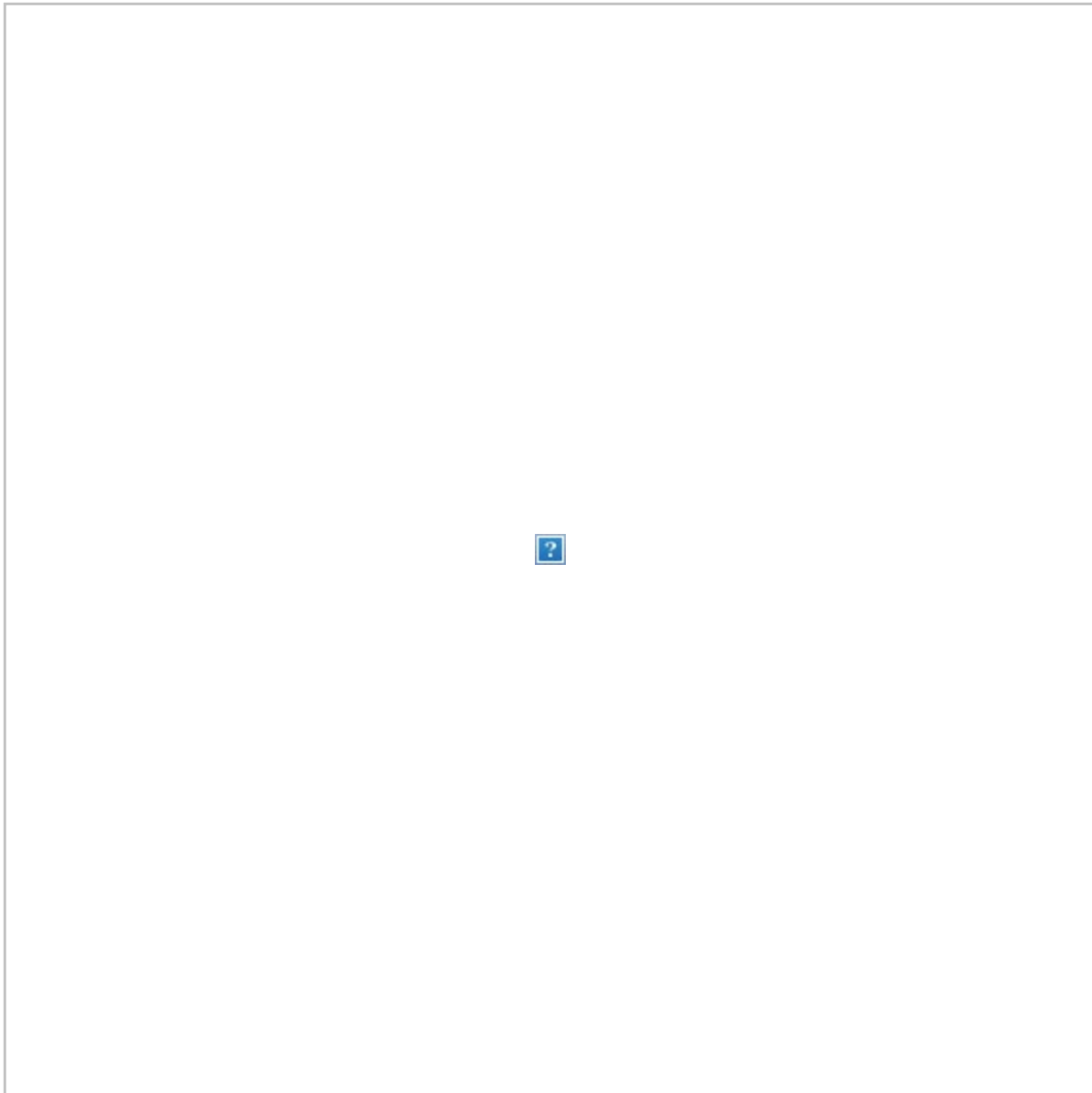


**NDLTCA Newsletter**  
**March 12, 2024**

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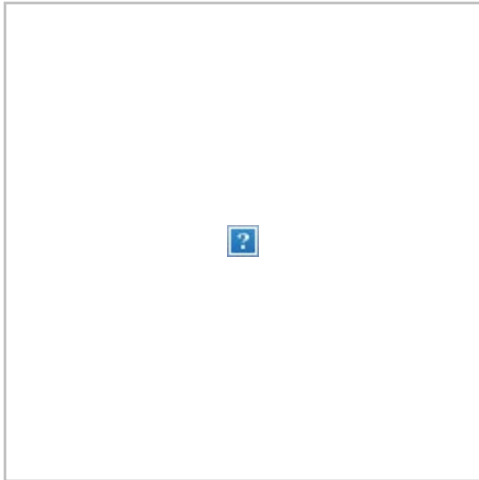
**Basic Care - BC**  
**Nursing Facilities - NF**



In honor of Long Term Care Administrators Week, the NDLTCA's staff wants to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for our Long Term Care Administrators' outstanding leadership and dedication. Your tireless efforts ensure the highest standard of care for our residents, and your compassion creates a nurturing environment for both residents and staff alike. Your commitment to excellence does not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do. Thank you for your hard work, your empathy, and your unwavering dedication to our community.

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## NDLTCA Updates



### NDLTCA-PAC Annual Convention Kick-Off Event

Follow the link for more information  
and registration! [Click here](#)

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## Change Healthcare Update: CMS Approves Advanced Payments Electronic Payments Expected Back Online as Early as March 15

*NF and BC*

[More information.](#)

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## Substance Abuse and LTC Ad Hoc Committee

*All Members*

The group met for a second time, virtually on March 7, 2024, and addressed

workforce challenges, regulatory barriers, and limited treatment models for substance abuse (SA) in long-term care (LTC). Attendees discussed integrating Peer Supports, enhancing CNA training, engaging independent therapists, and piloting treatment approaches. Plans were made to invite experts, explore education opportunities, and pilot treatment models in future meetings. Let me know if you are interested in learning more about piloting services for someone in your building, [nikki@ndltca.org](mailto:nikki@ndltca.org).

[Click Here](#) for the latest version of the **Directory for Licensed Addiction Treatment Programs in ND**.

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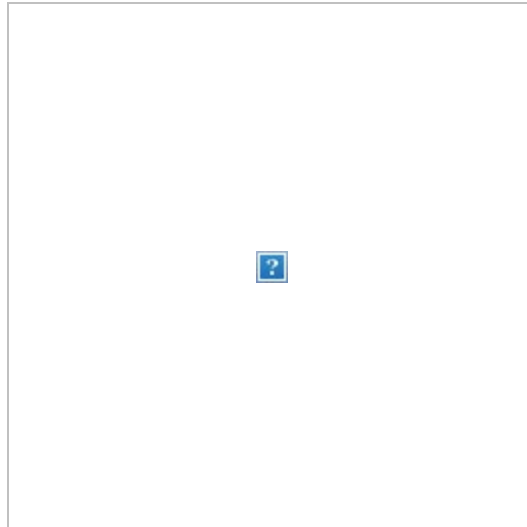
## Education

*All Members*

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION IS  
LIVE!!!!

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!



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## Project Firstline Program

*All Members*

**\$250 One-Time Award for Project Firstline Reservoirs Training**

## Infection Prevention & Control Training through Project Firstline

This program is a First Come, First Serve basis or no later than 5/1/24. A \$250 One-time Award will be paid to the first 50 \*Eligible registrants that complete the 4.5 hour course of 6 modules AND send in their Certificate of Completion.

Training is available online beginning 3/11/24.

Please see attached flyer for additional information regarding the online training system and how to submit proof of training. **Please Note who is Eligible AND who is not Eligible**

[\\$250 One-time Award Project Firstline Training Program](#)

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## ND HHS Update

### ND Medicaid Program Integrity Updates

*NF and BC*

Wednesday March 27, 2024 - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, [Click Here to Join Live Event](#)

Thursday March 28 - 8:30 am to 9:30 am, [Click Here to Join Live Event](#)

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

- CMS FFY23 Improper Payments

Provider Enrollment

- Contact Information Change
- Provider Enrollment Forms Update
- Changes in Ownership

Surveillance, Utilization and Review Section (SURS)

- Provider Manual changes
- PHE Ending and Medicaid Renewals
- Payment Error Rate Measurement RY25 (PERM)

- Provider Appeals
- Current Audits

#### Question and Answer

- Please note individual claims will not be discussed.
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## Human Service Zones

*ALL MEMBERS*

The Human Service Zones' local offices in the counties (formerly known as county social service offices) have professionals who can help people who need these services and supports: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), heating assistance, Medicaid, including children's health services; 1915i home and community based services; basic care assistance; child care assistance; child welfare (foster care, child protection services); and referrals to other local resources and programs.

[Click here for a map to find your county office's contact information.](#)

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## Seeking members for two ND Medicaid committees

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The Medicaid Member Engagement Committee (MMEC) and the Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee (MMAC) are both looking for new members.

The MMEC is made up of current or former Medicaid members (recipients) and the MMAC is made up of current and former Medicaid members, providers who serve Medicaid members, legislators and others with relevant Medicaid

experience.

The MMEC is an engagement group where we will hear about member experiences and their ideas. The MMAC is an advisory group that advises ND Medicaid on health and medical care services.

[Learn more about the MMEC and MMAC including how to apply](#)

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## Other Education

### New Member Resource to Learn More About the Payroll-Based Journal

*All Members*

Payroll-Based Journal: Best Practices for Submitting Data

This FREE webinar presented by two members of the workforce committee; Peggy Connorton, Covenant Living Communities and Services, and Lois McCaskey, Genesis, provides best practices for submitting staffing data to PBJ.

For more information and registration: [AHCA Education: Payroll-Based Journal: Best Practices for Submitting Data \(ahcancal.org\)](https://ahcancal.org/education/payroll-based-journal-best-practices-for-submitting-data)

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### Navigating the Path of Substance Use Recovery in Nursing Facility Residents: Exploring the

# Stages of Change

*All Members*

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**

**1-2 p.m. ET**

Participants will gain an understanding of the Stages of Change model in the context of substance use disorders (SUD). Learn effective communication and motivational strategies to support the resident's journey to recovery.

## **Learning Objectives:**

- Define and explain the Stages of Change Model.
- Identify and assess the stages of change in residents with SUD.
- Discuss how to apply appropriate interventions tailored to each stage of change.
- Understand the challenges and dynamics associated with each stage.
- Explain relapse prevention strategies for residents in the maintenance stage.

For registration and more information: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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## **Medicare Advantage Coverage Denials: SNF Strategies and Considerations-Recording**

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Go to [https://educate.ahcancal.org/products/medicare-advantage-coverage-denials-snf-strategies-and-considerations?force\\_login=1](https://educate.ahcancal.org/products/medicare-advantage-coverage-denials-snf-strategies-and-considerations?force_login=1) and log in using your AHCA/NCAL username and password.

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## **BCBSND Spring 2024 Provider Collaboration**



## Sessions-April and May

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Topics include:

- BCBSND Commercial, Medicaid Expansion and NextBlue
- North Dakota Medicare Advantage updates
- Appeals
- Provider Service Center stats
- Quality BlueAlliance and Value Based Programs
- Availity Essentials
- Other Updates

[Click Here for Registration](#)

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## Advocacy

### Legal Considerations for Engaging in Political Activities as a Non-Profit

ALL MEMBERS

While individuals working for a 501(c)(3) organization can engage in personal political activities, they should be cautious about linking these activities to the 501(c)(3) organization.

[Click Here](#) for bulleted points on how individuals working in a 501(c)(3) organization can participate in politics and support candidates.

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### US Senate Committee on Aging-Assisted Living

AL

In case you missed it, listen to the January 25th, US Senate Committee on Aging Hearing on Assisted Living: Understanding Long-Term Care Options for Older Adults. As a reminder, this hearing was triggered by the [Washington Post article series](#).

[Click Here to Listen to the Hearing.](#)

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## Workforce

### Child Care Relief Pilot Program

*ALL MEMBERS*

This cost-sharing pilot program focuses on families with young children (birth – 36 months) because this is when they face the greatest economic pressure and make critical decisions about how and if to rejoin the workforce. For example, as an employer, if you invest at least \$300 per employee, per month, in a paid child care benefit, the state will match it (at \$300/employee/month) for your qualifying employees.

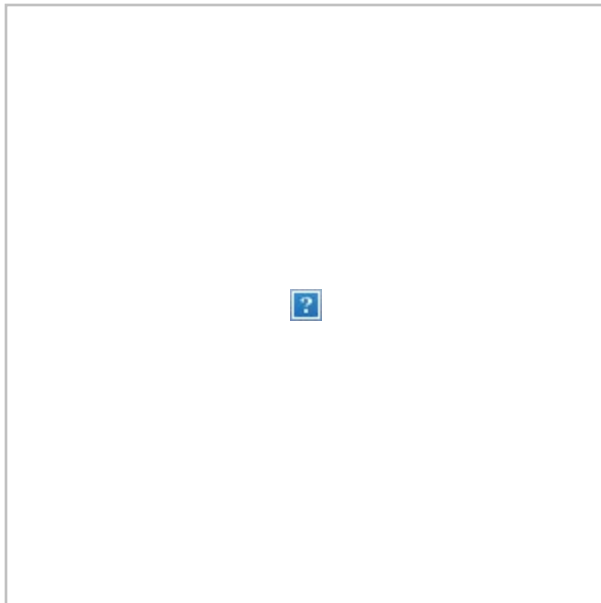
[Click Here for a step-by-step guide for employers.](#)

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## 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](mailto:casidie@ndltca.org)



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