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# NDLTCA Newsletter

## March 5, 2024

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## NDLTCA Updates

### 2024 Award Winners!

*All Members*

### Caregiver of the Year

We are pleased to announce the 2024 Caregiver Winners. This year NDLTCA received over 803 nominations from across North Dakota. We had a lot of heartwarming nominations which made the selection process difficult but very rewarding. The panel of Caregiver Judges this year were Karla Backman, Barb Fischer, Greg Salwei, Jenifer Lauckner, and Bev Herman.

Congratulations to the 2024 winners:

- **Joe Bailey, Valley Senior Living, Woodside, Grand Forks**
- **Heather Kalsow, Prairie Point, Bismarck**
- **Chris Plante, Valley Senior Living, Woodside, Grand Forks**
- **Jessica Schmidt, Richardton Care Center, Richardton**

From all of us at the Association, Congratulations to this year's Caregiver of the Year Winners!

### Volunteer of the Year

Thank you to those of you who sent in a submission for the Volunteer of the Year Award. There were many wonderful nominations which made the selection process very difficult! NDLTCA is very proud of the special people who volunteer and dedicate their time to the residents of our nursing homes. On behalf of NDLTCA, I would like to announce the winners of this year's Volunteer of the Year Award in the three categories:

**Congratulations to the 2024 Winners:**

- **Young Adult Winner - Rebecca Reiner, Elm Crest Manor, New Salem**
- **Adult Award Winner - Benedictine Living Community, Bismarck**
- **Group Award Winner - Grand Forks Public Library, Valley Senior Living on Columbia/Tufte Manor, Grand Forks**

From all of us at the Association, Congratulations to this year's Volunteer of the Year Winners!

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## From Rick Regner at Wentz Living Center- Language Translation

*All Members*

Rick says there are many options out there to help overcome language barriers within your teams. Here is the one his team has used.

<https://www.timekettle.co/>

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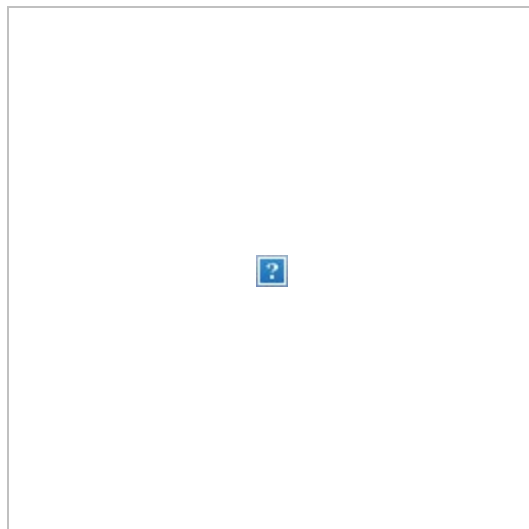
## Education

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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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## AHCA Education-Updated Link Revenue Cycle Management Academy

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<https://educate.ahcancal.org/products/revenue-cycle-management-academy-facility-registration>

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## AHCA/NCAL Population Health Management Summit

*All Members*

**Time:** May 22-23, 2024

**Location:** San Antonio, TX

For more information and registration, [click here.](#)

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## ND HHS Update

### Quality Incentive Program Update

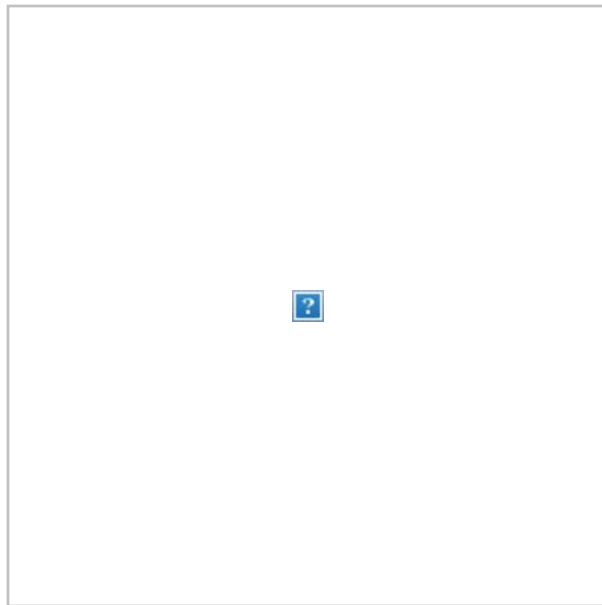
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You will find out the final Tier placement and dollar amount the beginning of June this first year with certainty. The plan is that I will send an email out in April with the available information at that time: QM, SMI, Medicaid days, ACHA quality award status. The standard 7 business days will be given for you to

review the info. You should be able to be identified at that time. A final notice in June with the dollar amount and tiers will be sent before the quality incentive dollar amount is dispersed.

Sarah Berreth, BSN, RN  
Nursing Facility VBP Administrator

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Thank you to our Gold Sponsor, McKesson!

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## Partner Education

### ServSafe® Certification Course and Exam

*All Members*

Tuesday – April 16, 2024 – Fargo Cass Public Health

Tuesday – April 23, 2024 – Grand Forks Public Health

Information presented is based on the 7th Edition ServSafe® Manager

Essentials Book – Revised Includes the 2022 FDA Food Code Certification: After successfully completing the course, and passing the exam (70%), you will receive a Certification of Completion from the National Restaurant Association.

Please follow the links:

- Tuesday - April 16th - [More information](#)
- Tuesday -April 23rd - [More information](#)

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## ND Directors of Nursing Conference

*All Members*

**Time:** March 27-28,

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn, Fargo

Email Justine at [justine.winterowd@eventide.org](mailto:justine.winterowd@eventide.org) for more information and registration.

**Registration before March 1 for early bird pricing.**

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## In Honor of Bipolar Disorder Awareness Month

*ALL MEMBERS*

[An Overview of Bipolar Disorder for Nursing Facility Staff](#) March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024,  
1:00-1:30 pm CST

Participants will gain an understanding of Bipolar Disorder. Participants will be able to recognize and understand signs and symptoms of Mania and Depression. Participants will learn appropriate responses of engagement with residents.

## Educational Flyers

[Bipolar Disorder Facts Pamphlet](#)

[Advancing Behavioral Health Equity in Nursing Facilities](#)

## On-Demand Learning

[Bipolar Disorder: Understanding and Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms](#)

(bite-sized learning)

[Recognizing and Treating Bipolar Disorder in Nursing Facilities](#) (module)

## Screening Tool

[Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale](#)

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# Kepro Webinar for Healthcare Providers

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Webinar that will provide an overview of BFCC-QIO services.

**When:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - 2-3 pm Eastern Time

For more details or to register: [www.keproqio.com/webinarregistration](http://www.keproqio.com/webinarregistration)

If you are unable to attend the webinar, check out the podcast below:

# Aging Health Matters Podcast

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Check out these episodes that talk about our services:

- Episode 1: Overview of Free Kepro BFCC Services for People Who Have Medicare
- Episode 3: How Kepro's Immediate Advocacy Services Help People Who Have Medicare
- Episode 9: How the Appeals Medical Record Process Works

For more information and registration, follow the link: [Registration](#)

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# Advocacy

## Health Care Task Force

*ALL MEMBERS*

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Regional Directors for their advocacy on behalf of our collective interests during their engagement with the facilitators of the Health Care Task Force. Your invaluable contributions have been instrumental in shaping the dialogue and ensuring that our regional perspectives are effectively represented. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to advancing our association's objectives.

The Health Task Force was created by the N.D. Legislature in 2023. The purpose of the Health Task Force is to understand and create transparency around health care costs and the drivers of cost growth with the goal of lessening the impact of rising health care costs to citizens, businesses and government.

[See for more information.](#)

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## Senators Cramer and King Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Protect Veterans' Long-Term Care

*ALL MEMBERS*

U.S. Senators Kevin Cramer (R-ND) and Angus King (I-ME), members of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, introduced a piece of legislation which would require the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a study examining the risks associated with the proposed minimum staffing rule issued by CMS. This follows the letter Senators Cramer and King sent to CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure asking the agency to withhold from establishing staffing mandates for long-term care facilities and instead work with



Congress on flexible, commonsense solutions.

For the full article, [click here](#).

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## Protecting Rural Seniors' Access to Care Act

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The Protecting Rural Seniors' Access to Care Act (S. 3410/H.R. 5796), would prohibit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary from finalizing the proposed nursing home staffing rule. The legislation would also establish an advisory panel on nursing home staffing. It would include voices from both urban and rural communities and range from nurses to licensed administrators to CMS. Within 60 days following their initial meeting, the panel would submit a report to Congress that analyzes workforce shortages and makes recommendations to strengthen the workforce (including investments in training for health professionals). AHCA/NCAL submitted a letter including support from 1,100 national and state associations and provider organizations.

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## Career Opportunities

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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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