



NDLTCA Newsletter

April 9, 2024

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NDLTCA Updates

Pinnacle Quality Insight - March 2024

All Members

Check out how ND facilities rate in consumer reviews compared to the nation. Log into the Member Facilities only section of our website to view:

- [Pinnacle Quality Insight – March 2024](#)
 - [Pinnacle Quality Insight \(AL\) – March 2024](#)
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ND HHS Update

High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) Enhancement Program

All Members

The North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) is announcing the availability of new funding for HEPA air-cleaning device(s) and/or filters. 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.

Allowable purchases made on or after **January 1, 2024 through April 19, 2024** will be reimbursed **up to \$5,000** per individual facility location.

ICAR Visit - Nonregulatory

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Have you had an ICAR Visit? Check into it!

An Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) is when someone with specialized training visits your facility and works one-on-one with your team. An (ICAR) tool is used to guide the visit to assess infection control & prevention practices and guide quality improvement activities. It is non-regulatory. An opportunity to prepare for surveys. Feedback and infection control training are also provided.

"I found the ICAR to be very beneficial and it proved to be valuable and a good overall experience. I was new to the position and had a lot of questions. I appreciated the attention to detail and thoroughness as we walked through and discussed each question I had. I would absolutely recommend the service and I will without a doubt ask for another one this year."

*Loren Fuhrer, CDM, CFPP
Director of Environmental Services
Missouri Slope*

If you've had an ICAR in the past 12 months they have additional services that their grant funding offers; they are also able to assist with skills fairs at your facility to assist with staff competency and starting after June 2024, can also offer fit testing.

Contact the ICAR Team at hhsicar@nd.gov.

Nurse Educator QSP Training Webinar

All Members

On April 25th at 12 pm CST, DHHS is hosting an educational webinar for QSP Nurse Educators and anyone interested in becoming a Nurse Educator. Thank you to those members who have expressed interest. Check it out!

Microsoft Teams meeting

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 249 897 898 457

Passcode: bNGQi8

NCAL Education

Caring for a New Generation in Assisted Living

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If you are not able to attend live, the recording will be provided to you. A certificate of attendance will be available after webinar. Receive \$10 off registration fee when purchasing four webinars. All webinars must be in your cart during the checkout process in order to receive discount. COST: \$25

AHCA/NCAL Member

Please follow the link for additional information: [AHCA Education: Caring for a New Generation in Assisted Living \(ahcancal.org\)](https://ahcancal.org/education/caring-for-a-new-generation-in-assisted-living)

Advocacy

Assisted Living and Basic Care Study Update

AL and BC

The AL/BC licensure and payment committees wrapped up conversations with Guidehouse and LeeAnn on April 5th. The due date for the final report from Guidehouse has been moved to the end of May rather than April. We look forward to working through the final report with the Department to discuss the recommendations that may make sense for North Dakota.

Interim Human Services Committee Update

All Members

We extend our sincere appreciation once more to Maren Gemar from SMP Health - St. Raphael and Reier Thompson from Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center for graciously stepping forward to address the committee on the challenges surrounding behavioral health in long-term care settings. Their insights illuminated the formidable barriers posed by federal regulations, underscoring the urgent necessity for a responsive system to address behavioral health crises promptly.

Pam Sagness with the Behavioral Health Division, provided an update on behalf of the collaborative efforts cohosted by NDLTCA and the ND Hospital Association. This ongoing collaboration aims to gather data and identify solutions across the continuum of care.

Karla Backman, the State Ombudsman, also commented on the challenges faced by skilled nursing facilities, emphasizing their impact on residents and their families. She reiterated the critical importance of establishing a responsive behavioral health system capable of quickly addressing crises as they arise.

[Click here to watch the recording.](#)

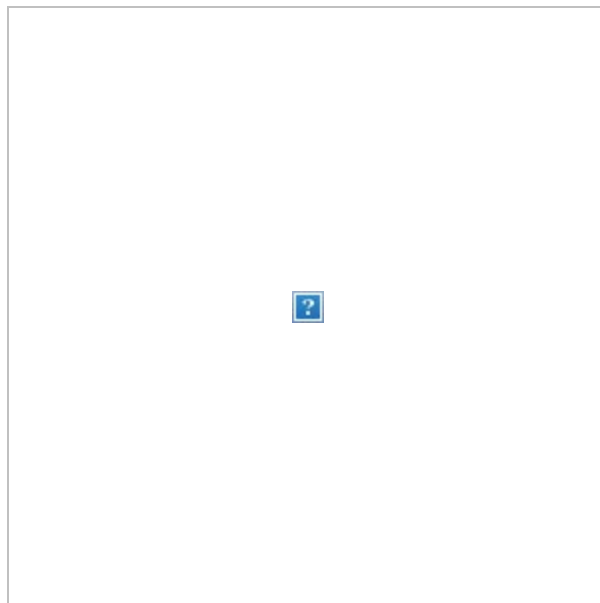
Workforce

Post a Job on Our Website

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



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