



**NDLTCA Newsletter**  
**May 14, 2024**

*All Members - All Members*  
*Assisted Living - AL*

## NDLTCA Updates



Keep a look out for this email!

Join us in shaping the future of long-term care! Your voice matters now more than ever as we embark on this transformative journey together. With Voter Voice, we have the power to amplify our collective voice and advocate for meaningful change. Let's

build bridges, foster understanding, and champion the needs of our community. Together, we can pave the way for a brighter tomorrow in long-term care. Be the difference. Engage with your local legislators today!

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## Regulatory

### Facility Assessment Action Brief – Now Available

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On April 22, 2024, the final rule for [Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities](#) was released. This rule included significant updates to the Facility Assessment requirement. In response to these changes, AHCA has prepared an Action Brief to help nursing facilities navigate the new requirements. This brief is now available for download on [ahcancaLED](#). Member login is required.

The Action Brief provides a comprehensive overview of the updated rule and offers practical tips and steps for preparing for the assessment using the data-driven, evidence-based methods described in the rule. We are planning to publish additional resources in the coming weeks as the Interpretive Guidance associated with this rule is released by CMS.

AHCA plans to release a facility assessment template in the coming weeks, and a webinar on the updates, once CMS releases the Interpretive Guidance.

For any questions, please contact us at [regulatory@ahca.org](mailto:regulatory@ahca.org).

[Facility Assessment Action Brief](#)

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# Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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On March 20, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued QSO-24-08-NH, providing guidance for State Survey Agencies (SSAs) and long-term care facilities (LTCFs) on the use of EBP to align with nationally accepted standards. This guidance is incorporated into F880 Infection Prevention and Control and was effective April 1, 2024.

AHCA put together frequently asked questions that they received from AHCA members with associated answers based on the QSO, information available on the CDC website and responses from CMS and the CDC received via emails or posted on association community message boards.

[AHCA EBP FAQ.pdf \(ahcancal.org\)](#)

AHCA is engaging with CMS to advocate for:

- Practical implementation focusing on the home-like environment to ensure the highest level of well-being for residents.
- Add reimbursement to support the increased costs associated with implementing EBP for resident's stay.

[Member Webinar](#) with CDC: June 5, 2pm-3pm EST

Q&A Session with CDC experts & AHCA staff

Registration required and you can register [here](#)





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## LTC Trend Tracker Special Edition Report for Minimum Staffing Rule

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AHCA/NCAL member centers received a special edition of the *Your Top-Line Report* from [LTC Trend Tracker](#). In addition to the usual data provided, this report focuses on minimum staffing and uses PBJ data to outline how your facility meets each of the final rule requirements today:

- 24/7 RN onsite;
- 3.48 Total Nurse Hours Per Resident Day (HPRD);
- .45 Nurse Aide HPRD; and
- 0.55 RN HPRD.

The report outlines compliance deadlines for each requirement (for reference), hours needed to meet each requirement (if not met), and possible census decrease to meet the requirement. The report also details whether your center is

urban or rural for purposes of this rule, which impacts the compliance deadline imposed.

The report also includes information on the hardship exemption. Specifically, it summarizes the workforce in your center's geographical area and whether it currently meets the first requirement for an exemption. This exemption is that the workforce is "unavailable" as measured by having a nursing workforce that is a minimum of 20% below the national average.

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## **Survey Tips to Maintain Compliance**

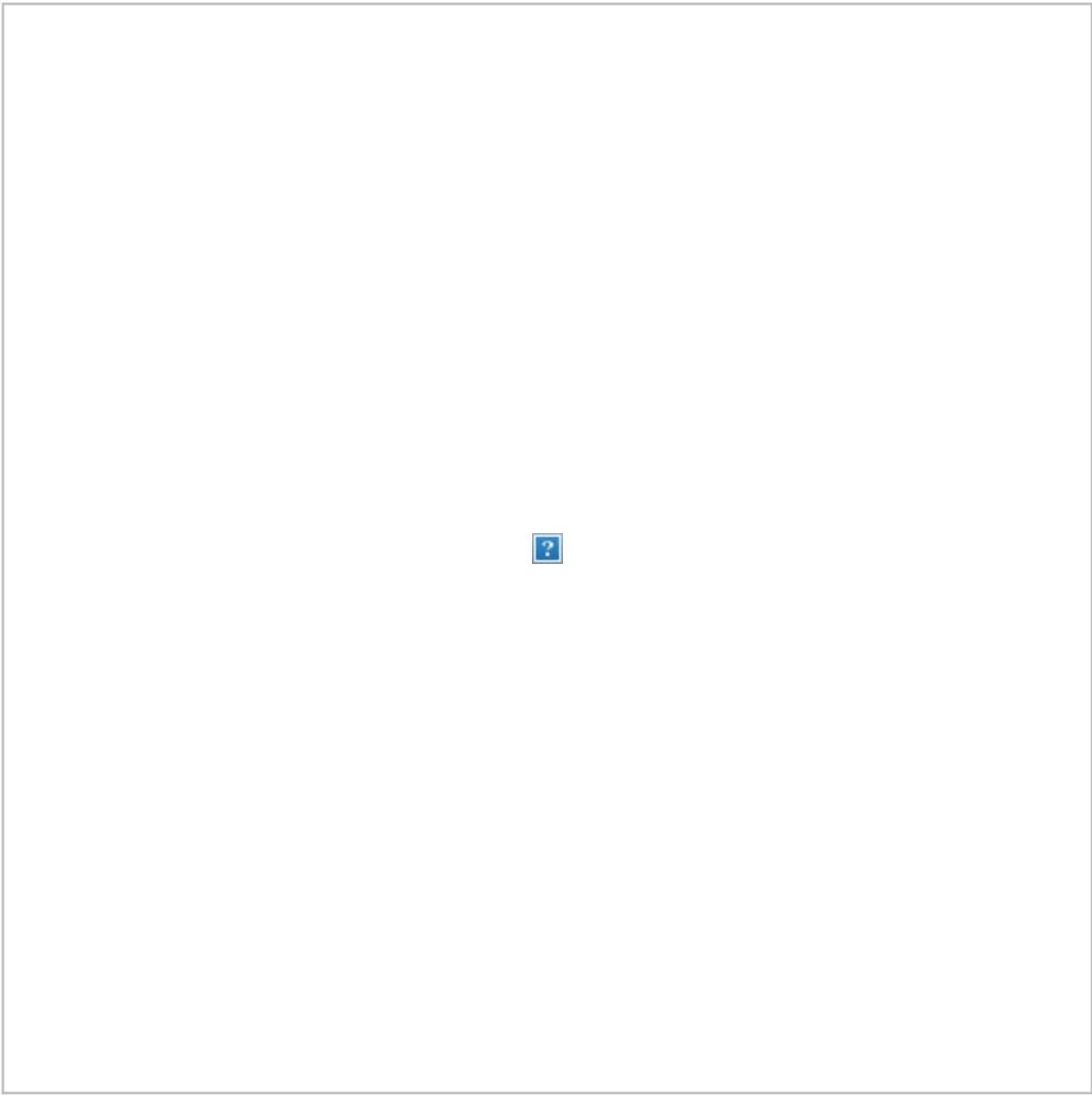
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The AHCA regulatory team is developing survey tips to assist in maintaining compliance with skilled nursing regulations, as well as preparing for surveys. The team will review trends for citations and provide tips for staying in compliance with these regulatory areas.

[Survey Preparedness \(ahcancal.org\)](http://ahcancal.org)

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## **Education**



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# Workforce

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[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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