



NDLTCA Newsletter

June 18, 2024

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NDLTCA Updates



We are thrilled to announce the newest addition to our team, Stacy Irey, who joined us today as the Office Manager. Stacy brings with her a wealth of knowledge in office management, administration, and customer service. With her extensive experience and dedication to excellence, we are confident that Stacy will play a pivotal role in enhancing our operations and ensuring the

highest level of service for our members and sponsors.

As we welcome Stacy to our team, we also want to extend our gratitude to all of our members and sponsors for your continued support and trust in the association. Your ongoing partnership has been instrumental in our success, and we look forward to continuing to serve you with excellence.

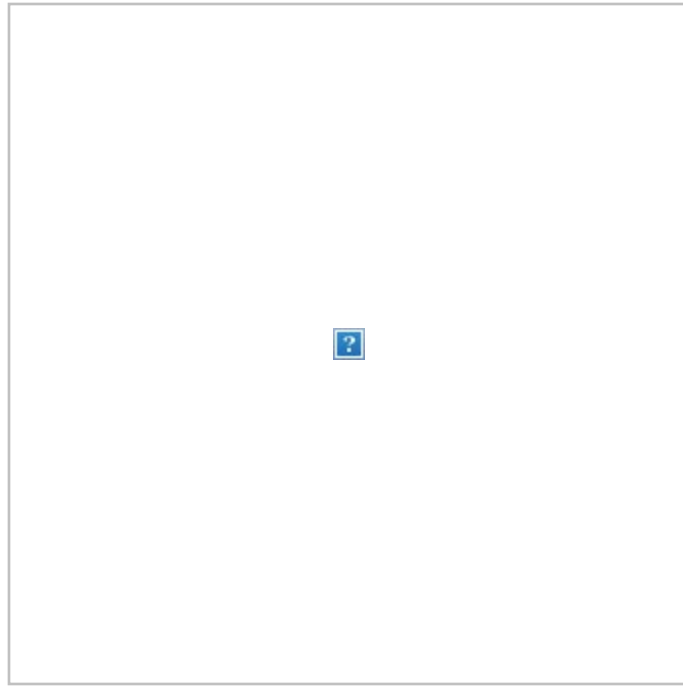
Please join us in welcoming Stacy Irey.

EBP Update - One Facility Shares an Update Following a Recent Survey

NF

At this time, surveyors clarified that we will be surveyed to the expectation that with **any of the cares listed below in a resident room** the staff members must wear their gown and gloves. It is expected that gown and gloves is utilized by all staff members **in the resident room** for those on EBP even it is a simple transfer.

- Transferring
 - Dressing
 - Bathing/Showering
 - Providing Hygiene
 - Toileting/Changing Brief
 - Changing Linens
 - Device Care
 - Wound Care
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Every resident or tenant has a *hope* or a *dream*...something they would like to do, somewhere they would like to go, somebody they would like to see. Facilities might not always have the means to accommodate these hopes and dreams. This is the purpose of the Cherished Hopes program. *We are here to help those dreams come true.*

As we prepare for the upcoming Fall Conference in September, **Regions 3 and 5** are up for donating the Cherished Hopes baskets.

As always, we appreciate all the love that goes into putting these baskets together. Thank you!

Media

King, Cramer Request VA Study “Potential Harmful Effects” of New Staffing Rule on Long Term Care Facilities

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U.S. Senators Angus King (I-ME) and Kevin Cramer (R-ND) have requested a report from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) on the impact of the new

CMS rule requiring increased staffing levels at long-term care (LTC) facilities, including those serving veterans. Senator Cramer, representing North Dakota and a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, expressed concerns about the potential negative effects on LTC facilities, particularly in rural areas, due to ongoing workforce challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. He emphasized that many facilities are struggling to meet these new staffing requirements, which could lead to widespread closures and reduced access to care for veterans. The Senators have previously introduced a bill requiring the VA to assess the risks of this rule on elderly veterans and report their findings to Congress.

[King, Cramer Request VA Study “Potential Harmful Effects” of New Staffing Rule on Long Term Care Facilities \(senate.gov\)](#)

State Dept freezes healthcare worker visas while Workforce Resilience Act lingers in Congress

All Members

The Healthcare Workforce Coalition renewed its advocacy push to increase the number of immigrant nurses entering the US, calling on both chambers of Congress Friday to pass the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act.

The pressure on Congress was spurred on by the US Department of State's July Visa Bulletin, which confirmed that no more EB-3 category visas would be granted to healthcare workers seeking to emigrate from key countries such as the Philippines for the rest of the fiscal year.

The American Health Care Association and nonprofit nursing home association LeadingAge are among the key long-term care organizations in the coalition.

[State Dept freezes healthcare worker visas while Workforce Resilience Act lingers in Congress - McKnight's Long-Term Care News \(mcknights.com\)](#)

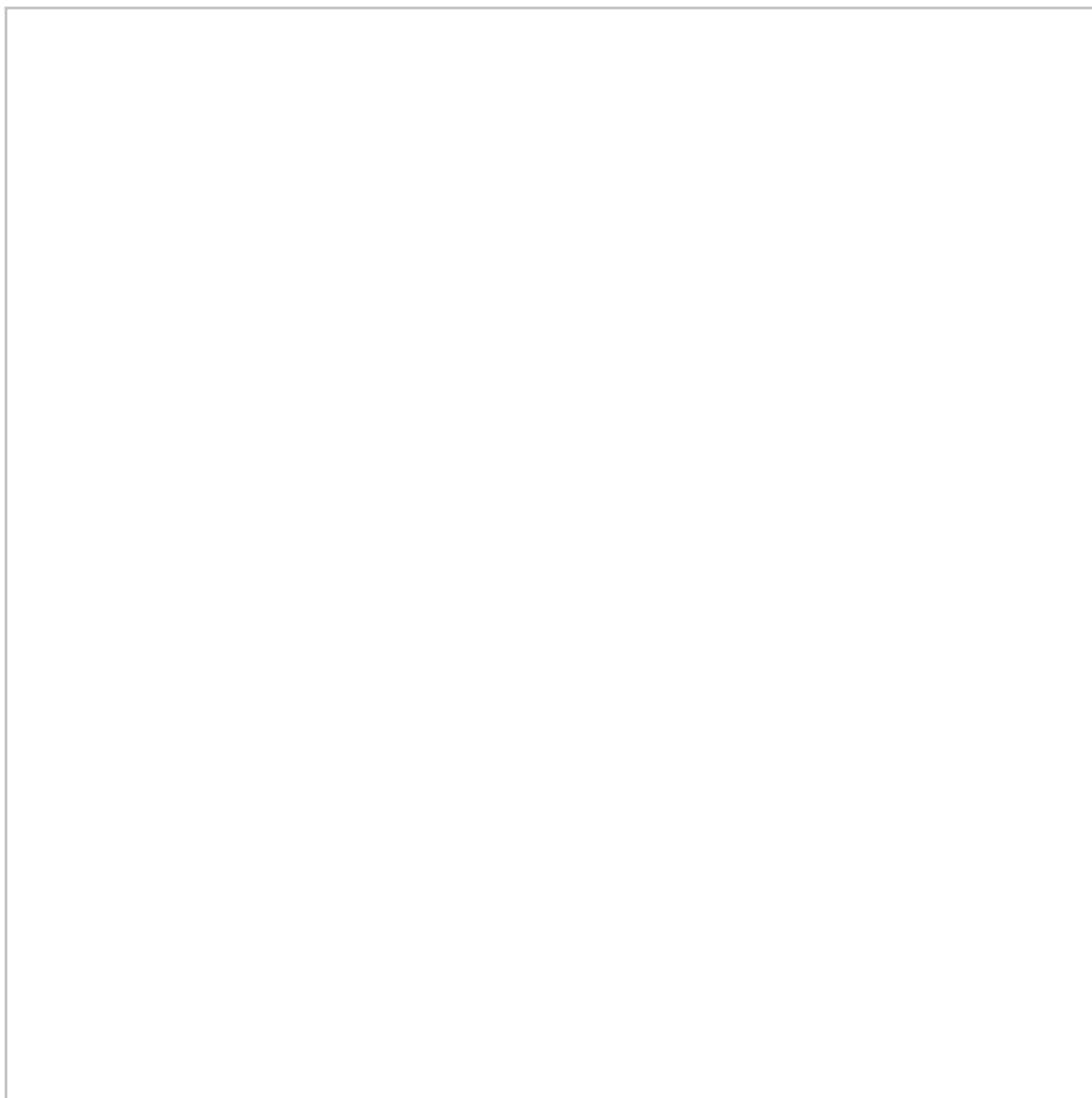
Senate Hearing: ‘Time to begin offering assisted living’ in State Veterans Homes

AL

Members of the Senate Special Committee on Aging and Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs received more endorsements for assisted living for veterans last Wednesday during a joint hearing. Fred Sganga, MPH, legislative officer for the National Association of State Veterans Homes, told lawmakers that assisted living should be provided in state veterans homes.

[Read more...](#)

Education



This course is approved for Administrator and Nursing hours.

One (1) contact hour each session; NAB approved through Proactive LTC Consulting.

Discussion will include assessment considerations, effective care planning in high-risk areas, reporting daily care and services, and overcoming common barriers. Extensive case studies and documentation examples will be included.

This webinar series aims to empower healthcare professionals in SNFs/NFs to provide the highest quality of care while maintaining the integrity and accuracy of their documentation.

Essentials of HR Seminar Registration

All Members

Date: Tuesday, June 25

Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm CT

Location: Marsh McLennan Agency, [505 Broadway N. Suite 100 | Fargo, ND](#)

Cost: \$300

In-person, facilitated course led by Nicole Bakkegard, MBA, PHR of Bakkegard Consulting.

To register, [Click here](#)

Medication Assistant (CMA) II

All Members

Students wanting to meet North Dakota requirements as a Medication Assistant II will need to complete this 48-hour classroom/lab component, plus an additional 32-hour clinical component with a facility within 6 months. (The 32-hour clinical component is not included as part of this course, therefore, students registering must already have an agreement in place with a facility to complete the clinical portion of the curriculum.) Once both training components are complete, students will be able to apply as a Medication Assistant II with the ND Department of Health.

Students will be expected to attend this 48-hour training once per week over a period of 8 weeks.

-Prerequisite: Current Certified Nurse Assistant registry status.-

Course Dates: July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2024 (see attached flyer)

Time: 9:00AM-4:00PM

Where: Bergstrom Technical Center, Lake Region State College, Devils Lake,

ND

Fee: \$1,095.00/person OR Early Bird Fee: \$995.00/person through 7/16/24

Learn more about the training and our attendance policy here:

<https://www.enrole.com/lrsc/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=P24JL-CMA2-01F&courseId=CMA2&categoryId=ROOT>

To register:

Online: <https://www.enrole.com/lrsc/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=P24JL-CMA2-01F&courseId=CMA2&categoryId=ROOT>

Phone: 701-662-1578

Email: LRSC.trainnd@LRSC.edu

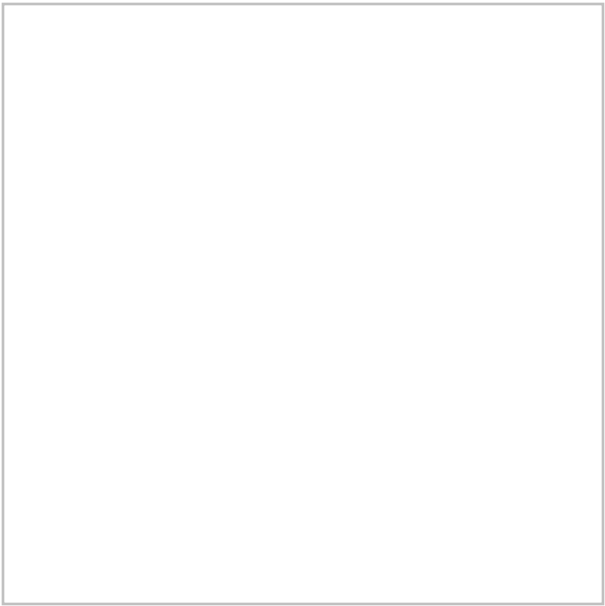
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Post a Job on Our Website

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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



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