

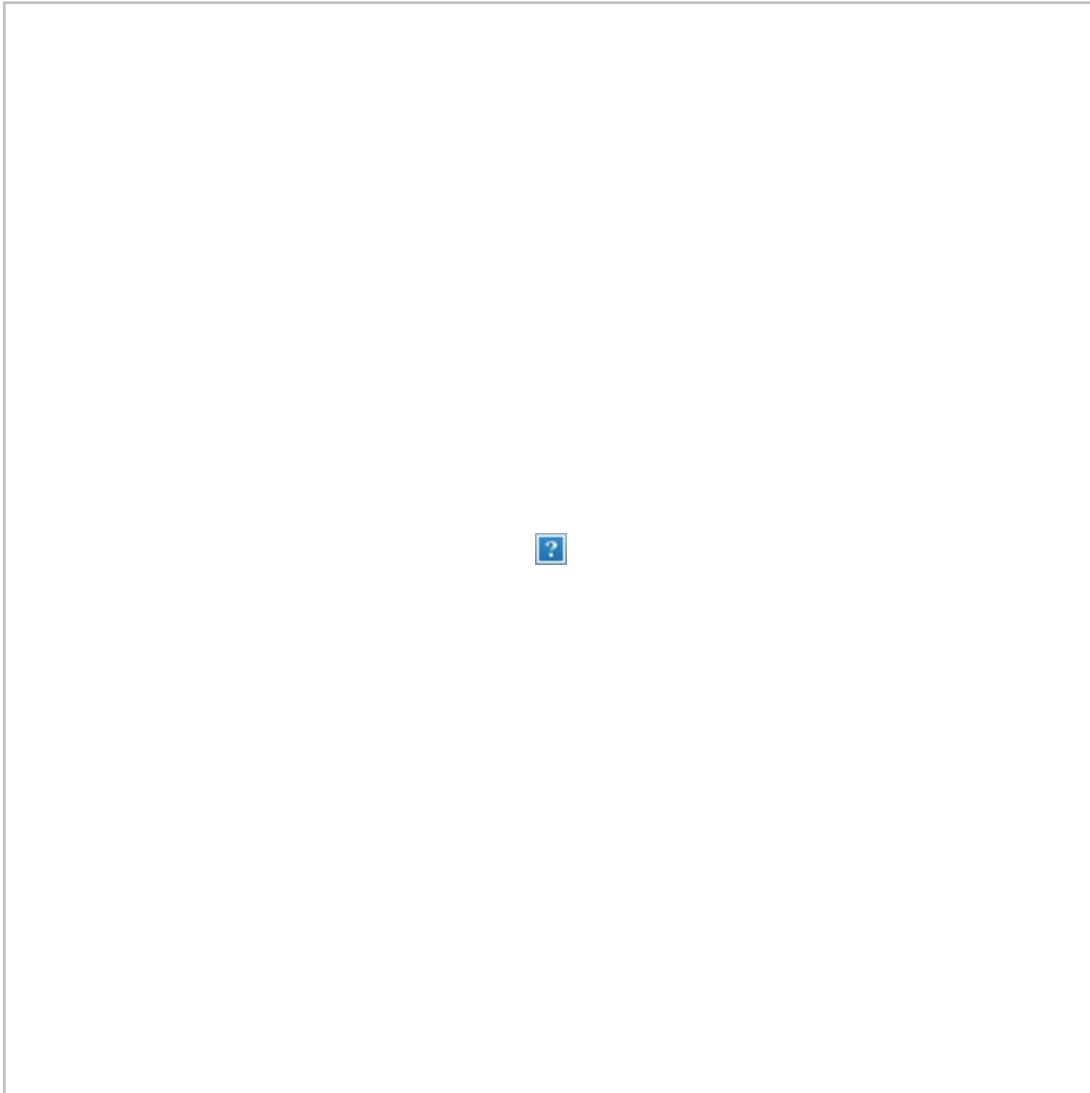


NDLTCA Newsletter

June 25, 2024

All Members - *All Members*
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NDLTCA Updates



2025 Quality Award Program Kick-Off Webinar July 9, 2024, 2pm EDT.

All Members

For members aspiring to join the ranks of Quality Award recipients or those interested in learning more about quality improvement through the Quality Award journey, please “tune-in” to the Quality Award [webpage](#) and [register](#) to attend the 2025 Quality Award Program Kick-Off Webinar on **July 9, 2024**,

2pm EDT.

NEW Workforce Committee

All Members

An NDLTCA Workforce Committee has been established to oversee matters pertaining to resources and education revolving around staffing, recruitment, retention, and financial support related to workforce development. The first meeting will be Aug. 21st, 2024 at 9 am CST.

Contact Nikki if you'd like an invite nikki@ndltca.org

HHS Updates

Office of Legal Immigration Grant Program

All Members

The Office of Legal Immigration grant is designed to support eligible employers and community-based organizations in their efforts to recruit, retain, and integrate New Americans in North Dakota. All applications and supportive documentation must be submitted by **12 p.m. CST on July 30, 2024**.

[Office of Legal Immigration Grant Program \(nd.gov\)](https://www.nd.gov/office-of-legal-immigration-grant-program)

CMS Preparing to Close Program that Addressed Medicare Funding Issues Resulting from Change Healthcare Cyber-Attack

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 17, 2024

Contact: CMS Media Relations

[CMS Media Inquiries](#)

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Change Healthcare/Optum Payment Disruption (CHOPD) Program Provided Funding Lifeline to Medicare Providers and Suppliers

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that payments under the Accelerated and Advance Payment (AAP) Program for the Change Healthcare/Optum Payment Disruption (CHOPD) will conclude on July 12, 2024. Launched in early March, the CHOPD payments were designed to ease cash flow disruptions experienced by some Medicare providers and suppliers, such as hospitals, physicians, and pharmacists, due to the unprecedented cyberattack that took health care electronic data interchange Change Healthcare offline in February.

“In the face of one of the most widespread cyberattacks on the U.S. health care industry, CMS promptly took action to get providers and suppliers access to the funds they needed to continue providing patients with vital care,” said CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. “Our efforts helped minimize the disruptive fallout from this incident, and we will remain vigilant to be ready to address future events.”

CHOPD accelerated payments have been issued to over 4,200 Part A providers, such as hospitals, totaling more than \$2.55 billion. CMS also issued 4,722 CHOPD advance payments, totaling more than \$717.18 million, to Part B suppliers, including doctors, non-physician practitioners, and durable medical equipment suppliers.

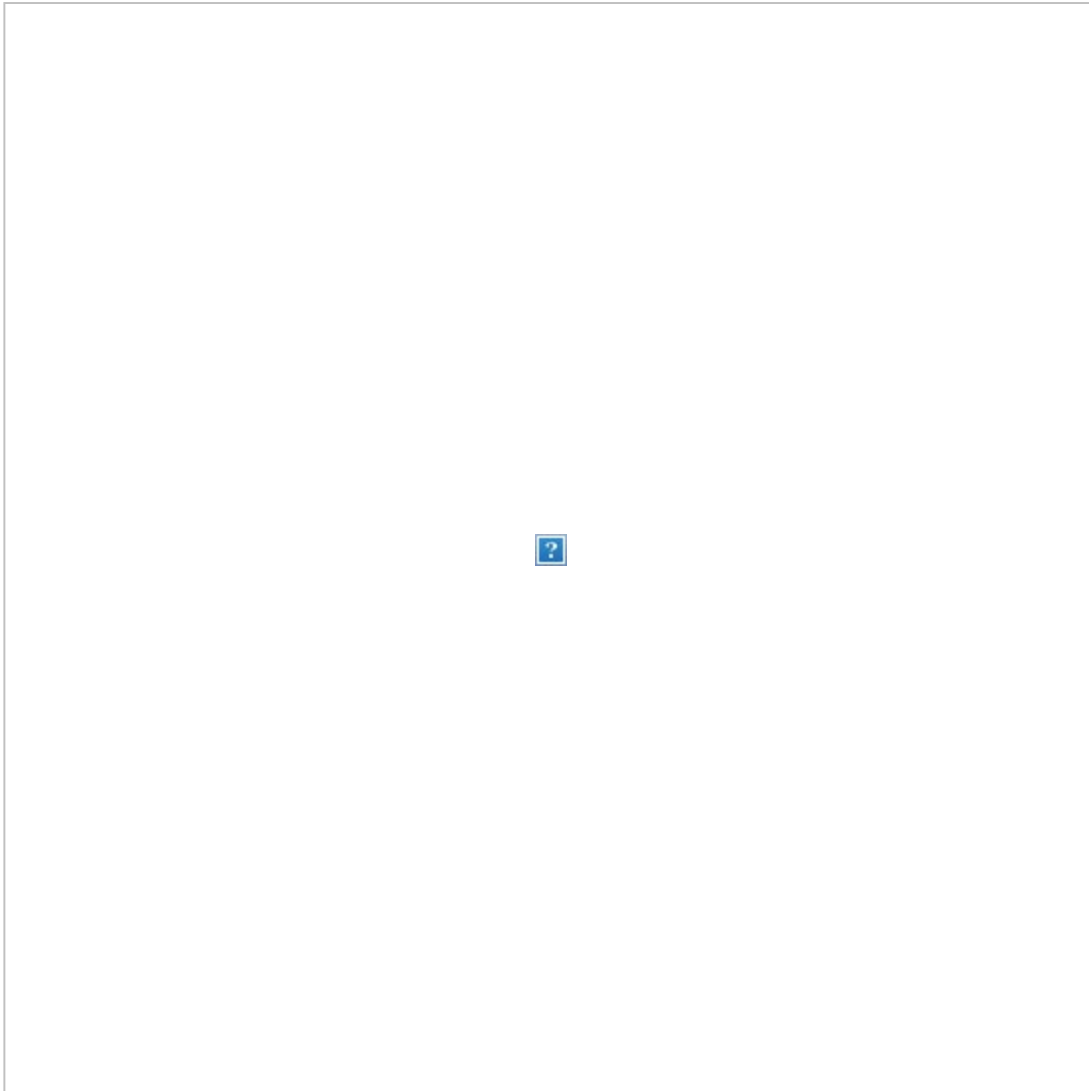
Providers of services and suppliers are now successfully billing Medicare, and to date, CMS has already recovered over 96% of the CHOPD payments. After July 12, 2024, CMS will no longer accept new applications for CHOPD accelerated or advance payments. Any providers of services or suppliers that are having difficulty billing or receiving payment should contact Change Healthcare, owned by UnitedHealth Group, by visiting <https://www.unitedhealthgroup.com/ns/changehealthcare.html> and/or their Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). To find your MACs contact information, please visit <https://www.cms.gov/mac-info>. All new CHOPD program applications must be submitted from eligible providers and suppliers prior to that date.

CMS will continue to monitor for other effects of the cyberattack on Medicare providers of services and suppliers and will continue to engage industry partners to address any

remaining issues or concerns. CMS encourages all providers of services and suppliers, technology vendors, and other members of the health care ecosystem to double down on cybersecurity, with urgency. Please visit the [HPH Cyber Performance Goals website](https://hphcyber.hhs.gov/performance-goals.html) at <https://hphcyber.hhs.gov/performance-goals.html> for more details on steps to stay protected.

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Education



Mark your Calendars:

Abuse and Neglect Program Checkup 6-week Proactive Webinar Series

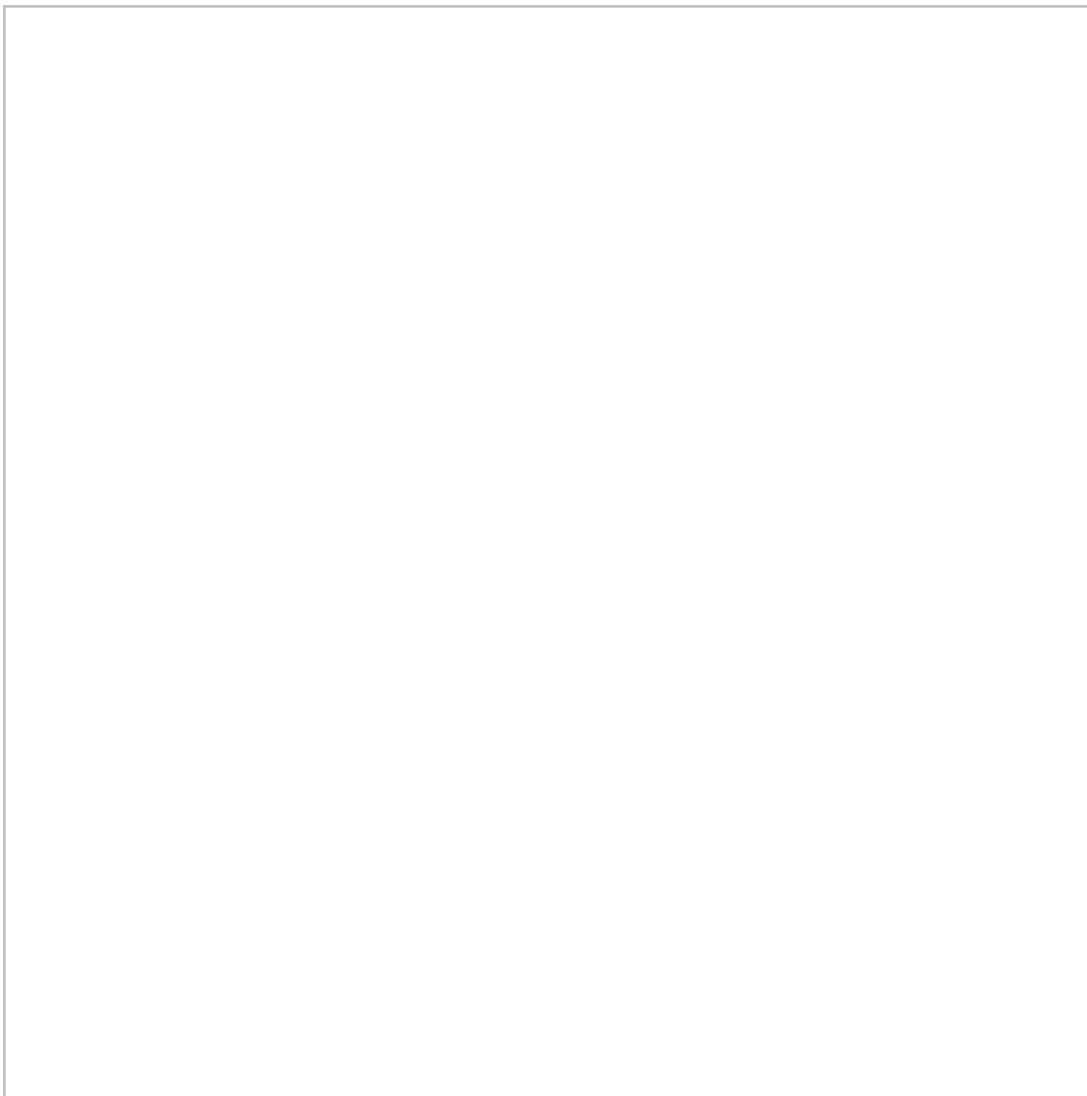
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Wednesday's starting August 7 and ending on September 11 at 1:30 p.m. CST

Member rate is \$330 per attendee.

Recordings will be available afterwards for those who have registered.

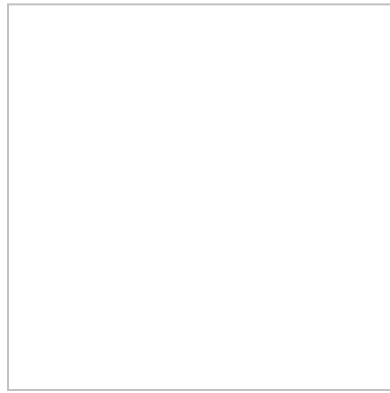
More information and registration will be posted on the education page of our website: www.ndltca.org/education



Summer Administrator's Conference

The Summer Administrator's Conference is scheduled for July 23-26, 2024, in Walker, MN at Chase on the Lake. Early bird deadline to register is July 2. For more information and to register, visit our website

<https://ndltca.org/events/administrators-conference/>.



Bronze Quality Awards Workshop

All Members

Join the workshop series to gain a better understanding of what examiners are looking for and how to use the award criteria as an improvement tool, you will learn how to use the award process to focus, align, and accelerate your performance excellence efforts - becoming a high-performing organization.

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Frontline Caregiver Training

All Members

We will once again be putting on a full day frontline caregiver training. We have secured Debbie Richman with Healthcare Interactive to come out and do the **CARES® Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Training and Certification workshop.**

We will hold the one day training in two different locations, Bismarck and Fargo. The dates will be Tuesday, October 22 in Bismarck and Wednesday, October 23 in Fargo. **More information and registration will be posted on the education page of our website once available, www.ndltca.org/education**

AAPACN RAC-CT Training

NF

NDLTCA will be hosting the AAPACN Resident Assessment Coordinator—Certified (RAC-CT®) Certification Workshop. This workshop is scheduled for August 5-7, 2024, at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3319 14th St, Bismarck, ND This will be an in-person workshop with 22.5 hours of Continuing Education hours approved.

A block of rooms has been set aside under NDLTCA.

[Please visit the link here for more information and to register.](#)

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

Workforce

Post a Job on Our Website

All Members

[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