

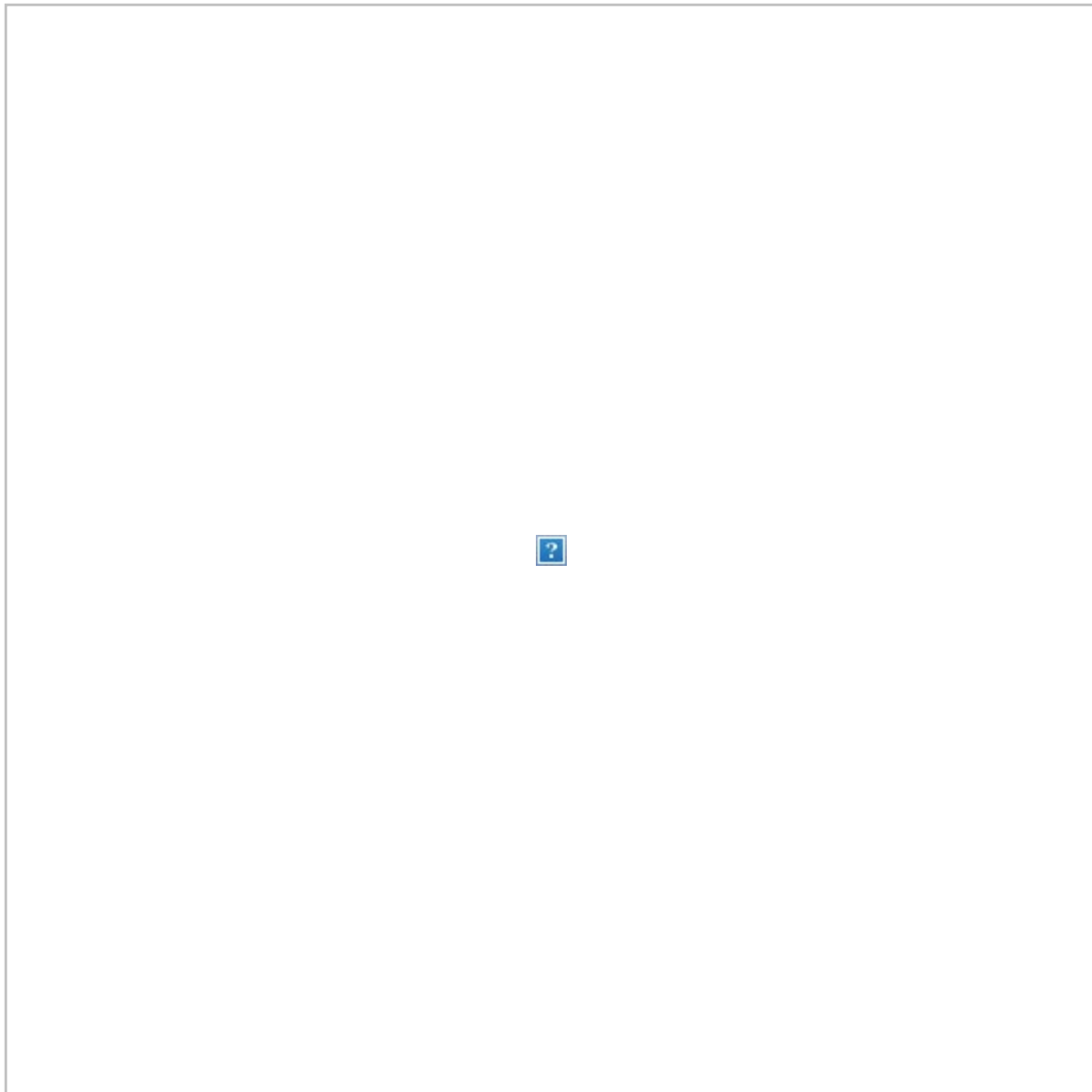


NDLTCA Newsletter

June 4, 2024

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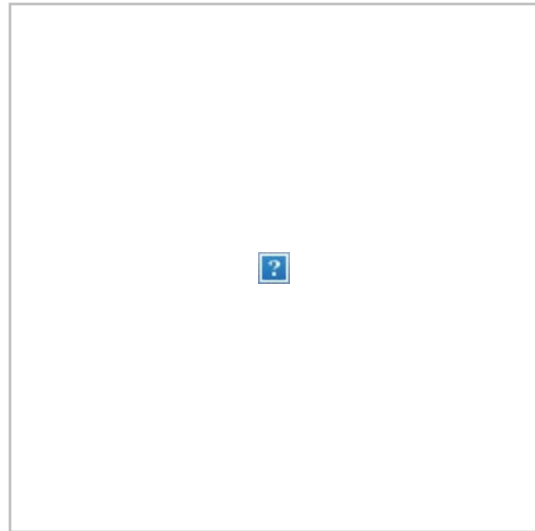
Blake Kragnes - Selected as Future Leader in Long Term and Post-Acute Care by AHCA/NCAL



Congratulations to Blake Kragnes!. Blake's commitment to excellence in our industry is truly commendable. We are proud to have Blake representing North Dakota in this prestigious program.

2024 Summer Administrator's Conference

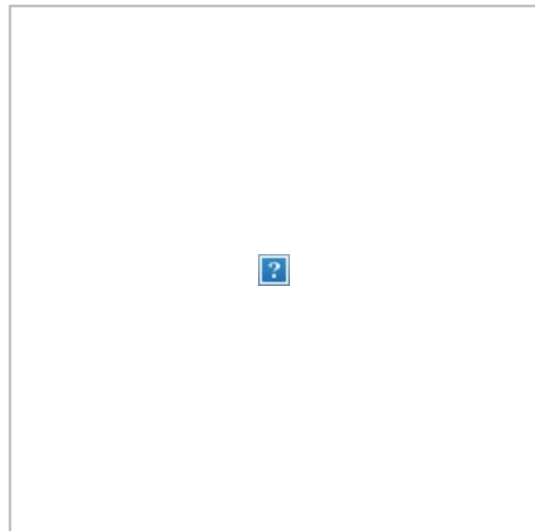
Chase on the Lake, Walker, MN



We are excited for our upcoming Summer Administrators Conference! We hope to see everyone this July!

To book your room, call (218) 547-7777 and mention NDLTCA room block, #162265.

Rooms need to be booked by June 24, 2024. After June 24, any rooms still available under the block will be open to the public.



[Registration Link](#)



Congratulations to North Dakota's New Bronze Quality Award Recipients!

All Members

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) today announced the names of the 2024 Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award recipients. This year, 525 skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), 135 assisted living (AL) communities, and 49 combined SNF/AL providers in 48 states earned the Bronze Award, the first of three distinctions possible through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program. The Program recognizes organizations that meet progressively rigorous standards of performance to improve the lives of residents and staff in long term and post-acute care.

Among the recipients, 10 were newly awarded North Dakota nursing homes:

Aneta Parkview Health Center
Ashley Medical Center & Nursing Home
Baptist Health & Rehab
Benedictine Living Community – Bismarck
Benedictine Living Community - Ellendale
Benedictine Living Community - Garrison
Benedictine Living Community of LaMoure,
St. Rose
Benedictine Living Community/St.
Catherines
Bethany Gables
Good Samaritan Society - Arthur
Good Samaritan Society - Lakota
Good Samaritan Society - Miller Pointe

Good Samaritan Society - Oakes
Good Samaritan Society - Park River
Griggs County Care Center
Hill Top Home of Comfort
Northwood Deaconess Health Center
Parkside Lutheran Home
Pembilier Nursing Center
Sheyenne Crossings Care Center/TCU
SMP Health – Ave Maria
SMP Health – St. Raphael
St Aloisius Medical Center
Wedgewood Manor
Wentz Living Center

Congressional Briefing

All Members

This week, a dedicated group of advocates from our NDLTCA membership are in Washington, D.C., attending a crucial congressional briefing. Their mission? To engage with our congressional delegates on pressing issues impacting our industry.

Top of the agenda? Discussions on the minimum staffing rule and the ongoing labor shortage crisis. Our advocates are poised to deliver powerful insights, share real-life experiences, and urge action on these critical matters affecting both care quality and workforce sustainability.

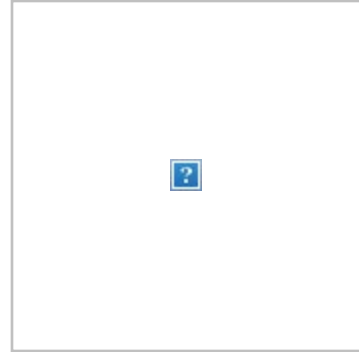
Shout out to Amy Kreidt, Doug Panchot, Joyce Linnerud Fowler, Kiara Tuchscherer, Rick Regner, Wade Peterson and Claire Kreidt. Thank you all for your commitment to advocating for access to long term care here in ND.

Stay tuned for updates on their impactful conversations and the strides being made to shape the future of long-term care!

Education

OSHA - Safe + Sound 2024

OSHA is sincerely encouraging stakeholders to participate in the 2024 Safe + Sound campaign that officially takes place the week of August 12-18. Although sign up opens in July, there are many events and challenges that you can participate in now.



As you know, our workplaces benefit substantially from a safety and health program that incorporates leadership, worker participation and a clear systematic approach to finding hazards and fixing them before they cause harm. World class companies, regardless of their size, continually prioritize their safety and health management system, and it shows in worker happiness and increased productivity.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Thursday's Boost With Your QIO

All Members

When: Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. CT/3:00 p.m. MT

For: Nursing Home Staff in North Dakota and South Dakota

Join Us. The Great Plains QIN team will provide updates, guidance, resources and education on topics pertinent for nursing homes, including infection

prevention, NHSN reporting, CMS-initiatives and partner updates. An office hours format will follow for you to ask questions of our team and your nursing home peers. Each Boost With Your QIO will be 30 minutes
Please note you only need to register one time for the Boost with Your QIO Series.

For online registration: [Click Here](#)

AHCA Hosts Enhanced Barrier Precautions Open Office Hour with the CDC

All Members

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 Nursing Homes 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 is hosting a member-only webinar on Wednesday June 5th with a panel of experts from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) to review your questions about Enhanced Barrier Precautions. If you have questions about EBP, or would like to listen in to hear questions from other providers? Register today!

Registration is available to AHCA/NCAL members.

For more information: [Click here](#)

AHCA/NCAL Update

AHCA/NCAL Comments on CMS' RFI on Medicare Advantage Data

All Members

AHCA/NCAL submitted comments on CMS' request for information on Medicare Advantage (MA) data transparency. These comments were informed by the PHM Council and AHCA's Reimbursement Cabinet and Committee. Several state execs and staff on these committees also offered feedback and input. Given that this is an RFI, CMS is not required to respond to the comments as they do in rule making. However, CMS did institute changes to MA 2024 and 2025 regulatory requirements based comments received on the 2022 broader MA RFI. The letter addresses concerns and suggestions from AHCA/NCAL regarding MA data transparency. It highlights challenges in prior authorization processes, utilization management, and access to supplemental benefits for beneficiaries. The letter calls for greater transparency in MA data, including prior authorization decisions and utilization practices. It also advocates for tracking of enrollment patterns, care quality outcomes, and financial data to ensure fair reimbursement rates for providers and informed decision-making for beneficiaries.

Reach out to Nikki@ndltca.org if you'd like a copy of the letter.

Workforce

Post a Job on Our Website

All Members

[North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Career Opportunities \(ndltca.org\)](https://www.ndltca.org/career-opportunities)

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