

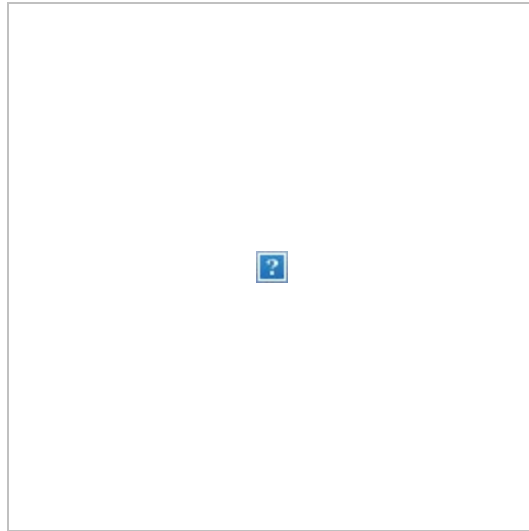


**NDLTCA Newsletter**  
**June 11, 2024**

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

## 2024 Summer Administrator's Conference

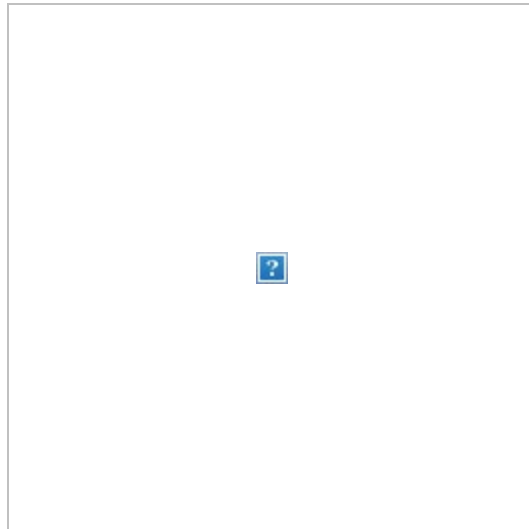
Chase on the Lake, Walker, MN



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](#)

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## State of North Dakota helps in Forman after a sewer system collapse - News & V

*All Members*

06/07/24: Joel Heitkamp is joined by Tim Kennedy on "News and Views." Tim tells Joel and the listeners about a recent situation at the Senior Center in Forman, ND. The sewer line had collapsed and as a result, the floor needed to be taken apart for repairs. In the meantime, the state of North Dakota came to the rescue for the 30 residents.

Listen to the interview by [clicking here](#).

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## Celebrate CNA Week with Healthcare Academy's \$100 FIGS gift card giveaway!

*All Members*

Nominate an outstanding CNA for a chance to a **\$100 FIGS gift card!**

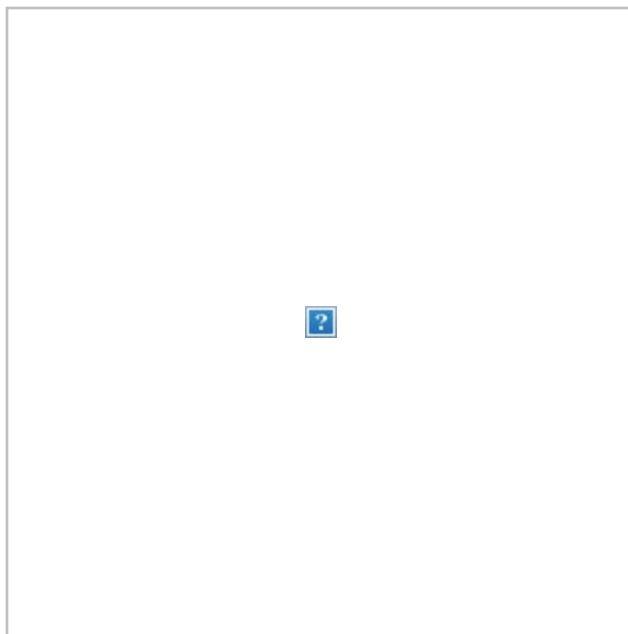
Share a story with us highlighting their exceptional care giving qualities and essential support that enhances their resident's quality of life. They could be the lucky winner of this special gift!

Submit your nomination here: <https://healthcareacademy.com/recognition/>

Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be contacted the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## Advocacy



## Congressional Briefing

*All Members*

Thank you again 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!

BREAKING NEWS! Both of our Senators are now cosponsors of the Congressional Review Act!

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/91/cosponsors>

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

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## State Legislative Update

### *All Members*

Tim Kennedy, administrator of Parkside Lutheran Home and Four Seasons Healthcare Center, testified before the Healthcare Committee on May 30, 2024, regarding the **Nursing Facilities Incentive Program**. He highlighted how the program has prioritized quality improvement in skilled nursing facilities, leading to tangible improvements in various areas such as reducing falls and antipsychotic medication use. Kennedy emphasized how the focus on specific quality indicators has driven overall improvements in care, leading to higher rankings and enhanced resident outcomes. Additionally, he discussed the program's encouragement of achieving Baldrige awards, further incentivizing quality initiatives across departments. Kennedy concluded by affirming the

program's success in achieving its intended outcomes while also positively impacting the quality of life for residents.

During Nikki's presentation at the Healthcare Committee on the **contract nursing study**, she discussed ongoing deliberations among our members and stakeholders. Despite the complexity of the issue, Sen. Mathern is taking proactive steps by drafting a bill to mandate registration and licensing for contract nursing agencies. Tim Blasl from the Hospital Association and Nikki will meet with Sen. Mathern today to address any concerns we may have. While registering and licensing will establish minimal standards for these agencies, it represents an essential first step in ensuring accountability within the industry.

The list of states requiring licensing for these agencies continues to expand, encompassing both red and blue states such as Colorado, Connecticut, DC, Indiana, Iowa, Florida, Rhode Island, Maine, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, Minnesota, and Missouri. Notably, these states have successfully managed to sustain the number of operating agencies without issue. In ND we have observed a significant growth from 8 to 60 operators in just a few years. Moreover, many states go beyond mere registration and licensing, implementing additional measures such as quarterly reporting and penalties for misconduct through CMP fines.

While registration and licensing represent the minimum achievable this session, it establishes a foundational framework for future regulation should we need to address future issues that may arise within the industry.

Read our testimonies [here](#) or watch [here](#).

Senator Roers was concerned by the information provided regarding the Minimum Staffing Rule during Nikki's testimony and reached out to the ND Attorney General's Office with a request for them to file an amicus brief in support of AHCA's lawsuit. Stay tuned for updates.

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# ND HHS Update

## 2024 Basic Care Facility Cost Report

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The 2024 basic care facility cost report and instructions have been posted to the following web page.

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/provider/facility-cost-reporting>

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## 2024 Nursing Facility Cost Report

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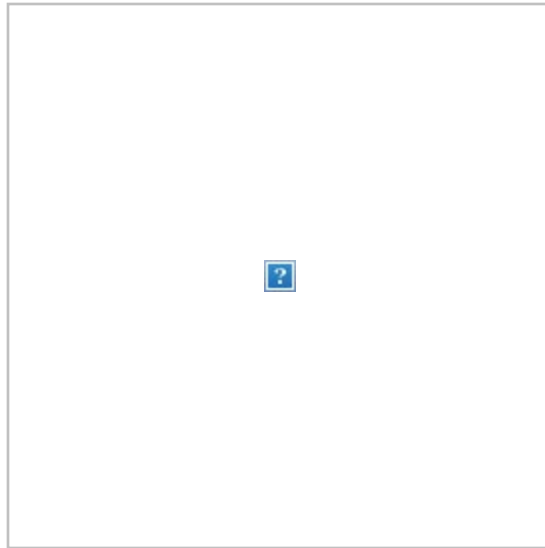
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## SFN 584 - LTC Services & Supports Referral

*All Members*

The SFN 584 – LTC Services & Supports Referral has been removed from the State e-form website. We are transitioning to the referral on the carechoice website [North Dakota, Eldercare, Disability, Long Term Care Information - North Dakota Aging and Disability Resource-LINK \(assistguide.net\)](#), then click on this following picture/hidden link.



This will pull up the SFN 584 but now it will drop right in WellSky so eventually there will be no more emails/faxes. I understand that there are still some sites that I am sure have printed versions and they are allowed to use them but once those are gone this is the link they must use to submit a referral.

Questions? Email [carechoice@nd.gov](mailto:carechoice@nd.gov)

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## **NEW - Basic Care Case Manager Territories**

### **BC**

Territory 1 - Sonya Binstock (o) 701.328.7465 (c) 701.301.3923

Territory 2 - Kim Massine (o) 701.328.5642 (c) 701.934.5877

Territory 3 - Liz Dabhi [edabhi@nd.gov](mailto:edabhi@nd.gov) (o)701.239.7379 (c)701.715.4430

Please note: All BC case information should be sent to [agingbc referrals@nd.gov](mailto:agingbc referrals@nd.gov)  
AND the  
appropriate BC case manager.

See the new map and contact information by [clicking here](#).

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# Education

## Parkinson's Disease & Psychosis – 3-part webinar series

*All Members*

Please join Deb Wasano with Acadia Pharmaceuticals, NDLTCA Bronze Sponsor, for the second of three webinars on Parkinson's Disease & Psychosis that will be held on Wednesday, June 12 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information, [click here](#)

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## 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](#)

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## All by Myself: Overcoming Social Isolation and Loneliness in Assisted Living

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Social isolation and loneliness are serious yet largely unrecognized public health risks that affect significant numbers of disabled and older adults. Assisted living communities often represent a more desirable lifestyle over home care or other long-term care environments, insulating residents from the realities of dementia and more advanced physical dependency. This discussion offers innovative ways to improve the social culture, while offering support for the independence and autonomy that is so vital to quality of life.

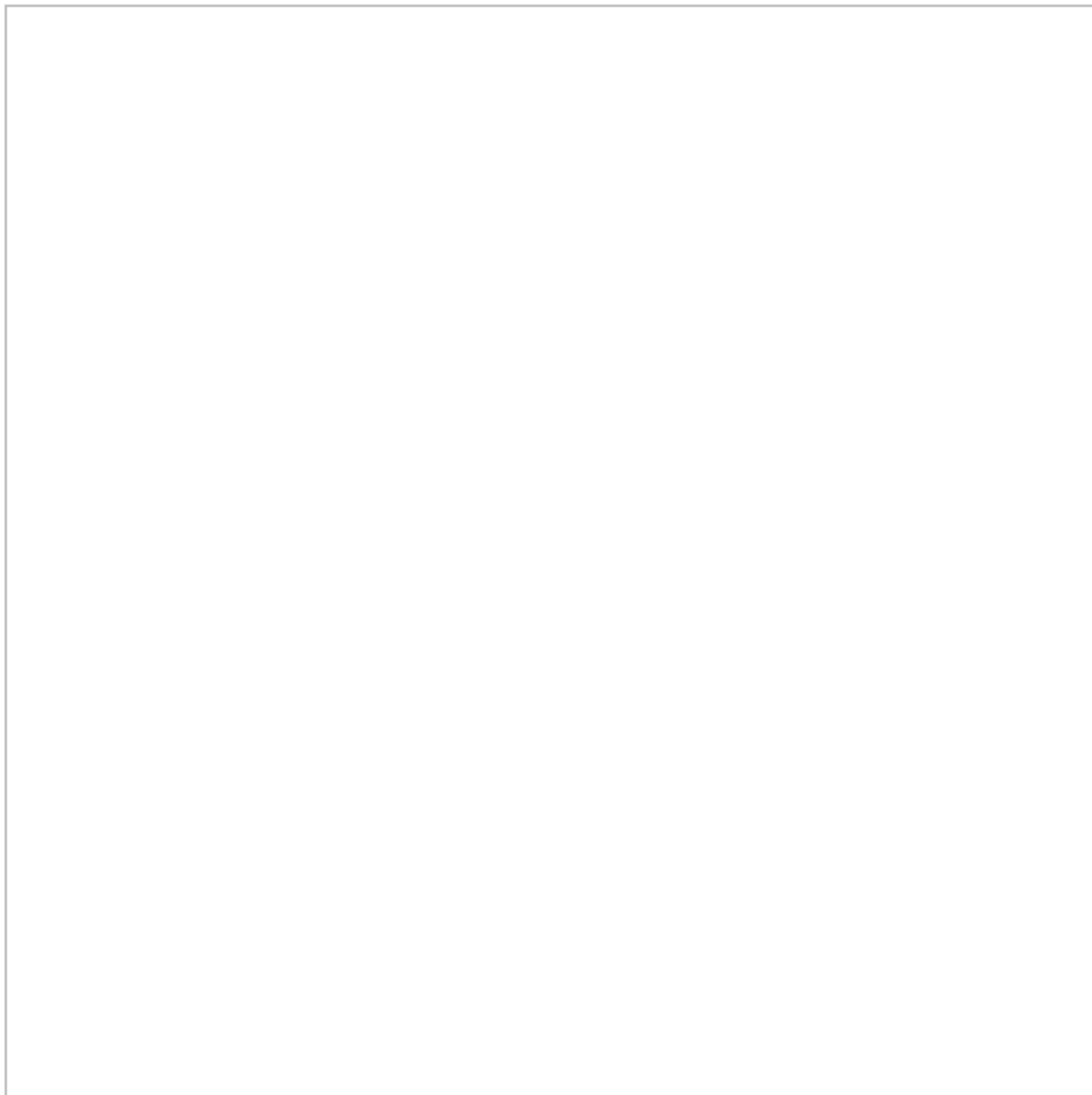
\*Includes a Live Web Event on 06/12/2024 at 1:00 PM (CDT)\*

**Learning Objectives: At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:**

1. Describe the impact of the changing demographics in assisted living on quality of life and quality of care.
2. Explain the increasing complexity of social and ethical considerations in matters concerning socialization, productivity, and therapeutic engagement; and
3. Develop a culturally competent community prepared to meet the needs of a diverse population.

For more information & registration: [Click here](#)

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## **DECONSTRUCTING Immediate Jeopardy & High Risk Tags**

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This series is designed to empower nursing home professionals with the knowledge and strategies needed to navigate the top risk areas associated with Immediate Jeopardy citations. Drawing from real-life examples of IJ citations, we'll delve into actionable solutions to prevent these critical citations in facilities. Participants will dig into the critical issues in nursing home while exploring strategies to prevent immediate jeopardy citations.

One (1) contact hour each session; NAB approved through Proactive LTC Consulting. **This course is approved for Administrator and Nursing hours.**

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## AHCAeComp - Healthcare Academy

*All Members*

Our Bronze Sponsor, Healthcare Academy created the first 100% digital **eCompetency platform that allows you to perform skills verification** for your staff. [AHCAeComp - Healthcare Academy](#)

This particular product allows you to evaluate in real-time, documenting live observation of skills. This is done by using an evidence based checklist, designed by industry experts to develop competent and confident staff. It is also consistent and standardized, delivering efficacy by training consistent skills across learners.

The eCompetency site can be used on a smart device, meaning that the evaluator can have this site pulled up on a tablet or a phone. The skills observation can be done; bedside, at a nurses station, or a skills fair and can be done on any smart device.

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## AHCA/NCAL Update

### AHCA Hosts Enhanced Barrier Precautions Open Office Hour with the CDC

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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 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 hosted a member-only webinar on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> with a panel of experts from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) to review your questions about Enhanced Barrier Precautions. A recording will be available soon.

The CDC updated their FAQ on this matter, see [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) about Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes | LTCFs | CDC](#)

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## Media

### Recent Press Releases

*All Members*

[Blake-Kragnes-Future-Leaders-2024-Press-Release-1.pdf \(ndltca.org\)](#)

[North-Dakota-Final-Rule-Analysis-Release-5-24-24.pdf \(ndltca.org\)](#)

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## Workforce

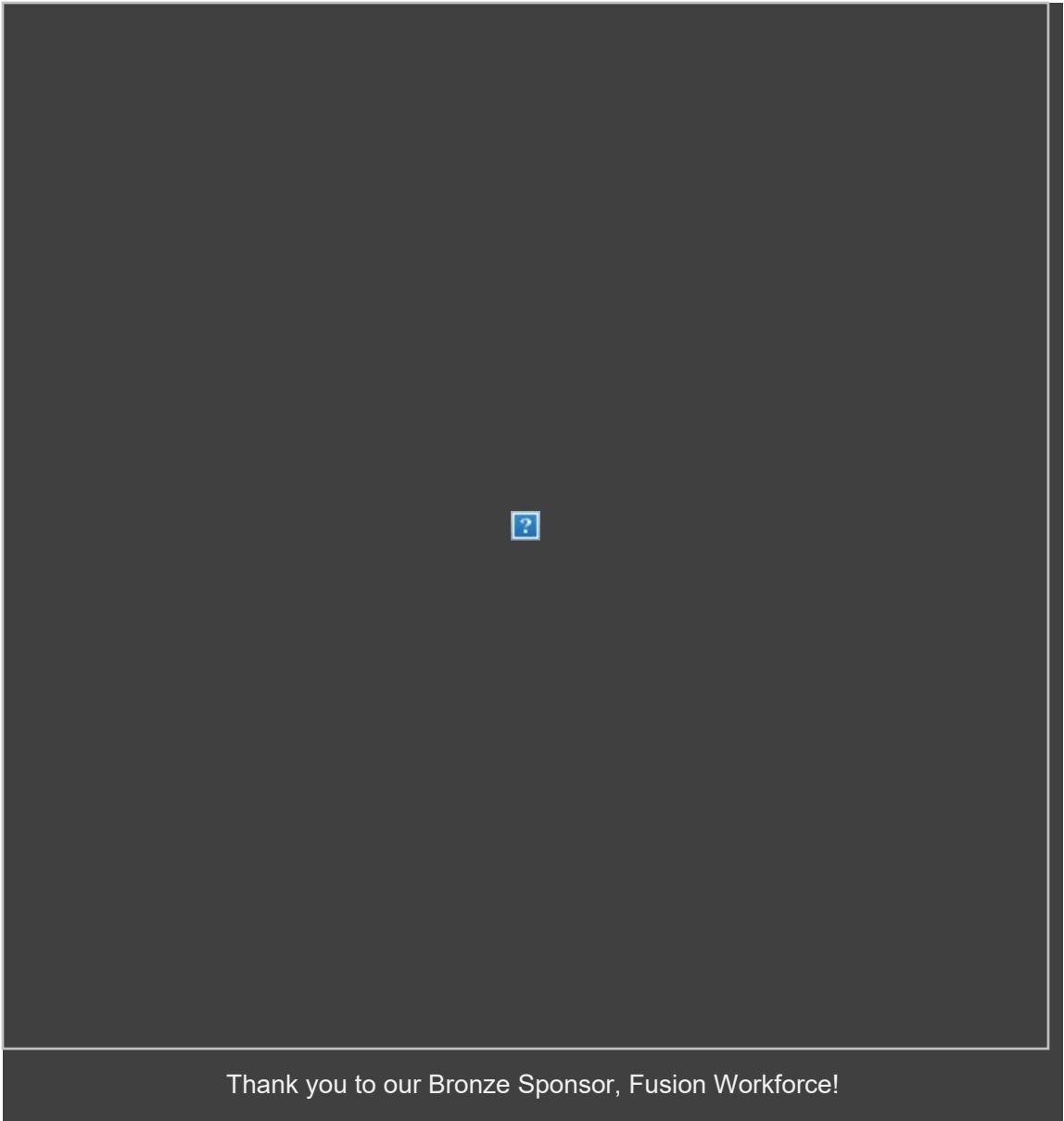
### Post a Job on Our Website

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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](mailto:casidie@ndltca.org)

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