

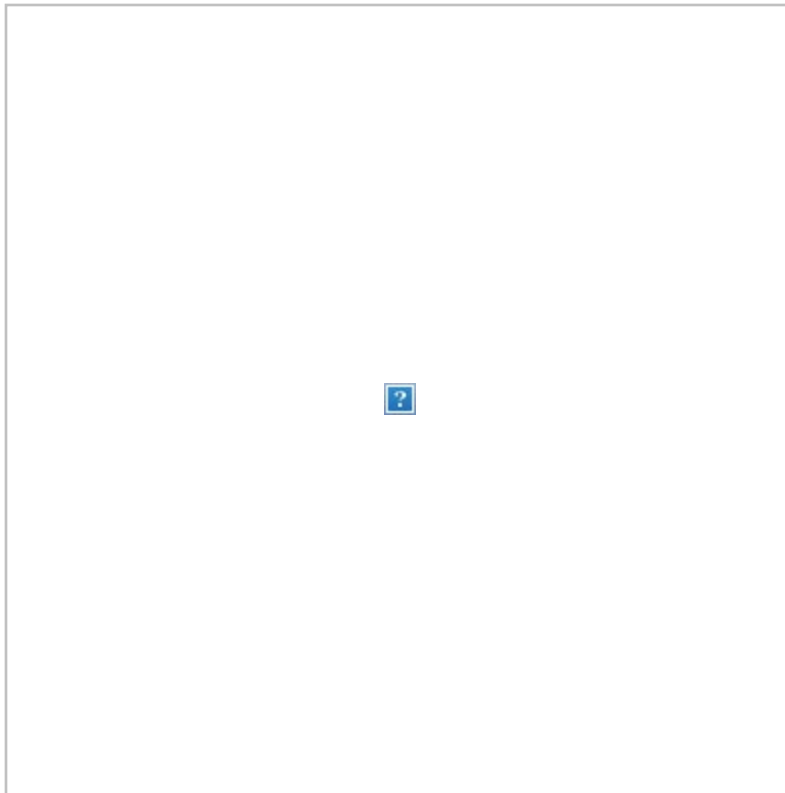


NDLTCA Newsletter

July 2, 2024

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NDLTCA Updates



Congratulations to this year's Silver National Quality Award recipients!!

We are excited to announce that the below facilities in our cohort have achieved the prestigious Silver Baldrige Award for Long-Term Care! This notable accomplishment highlights their commitment to excellence in providing top-tier care and continuous improvement. Congratulations to each of these deserving facilities for their dedication and achievement in setting the standard for quality care in our community.

* Eventide Fargo - Fargo

- * Strasburg Care Center - Strasburg
 - * Tufte Manor - Grand Forks
 - * Valley Senior Living on Columbia - Grand Forks
 - * Woodside Village - Grand Forks
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Recognizing Consistent Excellence in Care

All Members

I want to take a moment to celebrate the exceptional dedication and commitment to quality care that each of you demonstrates day in and day out at our facilities.

Once again, we have received outstanding results in the latest resident and family satisfaction surveys. It comes as no surprise that we have scored higher than the national average in all categories—a testament to the consistent excellence that defines our communities.

Your commitment to providing the highest standards of care is truly commendable and does not go unnoticed. Each interaction, each smile, and each moment of compassion makes a profound impact on the lives of your residents and their families.

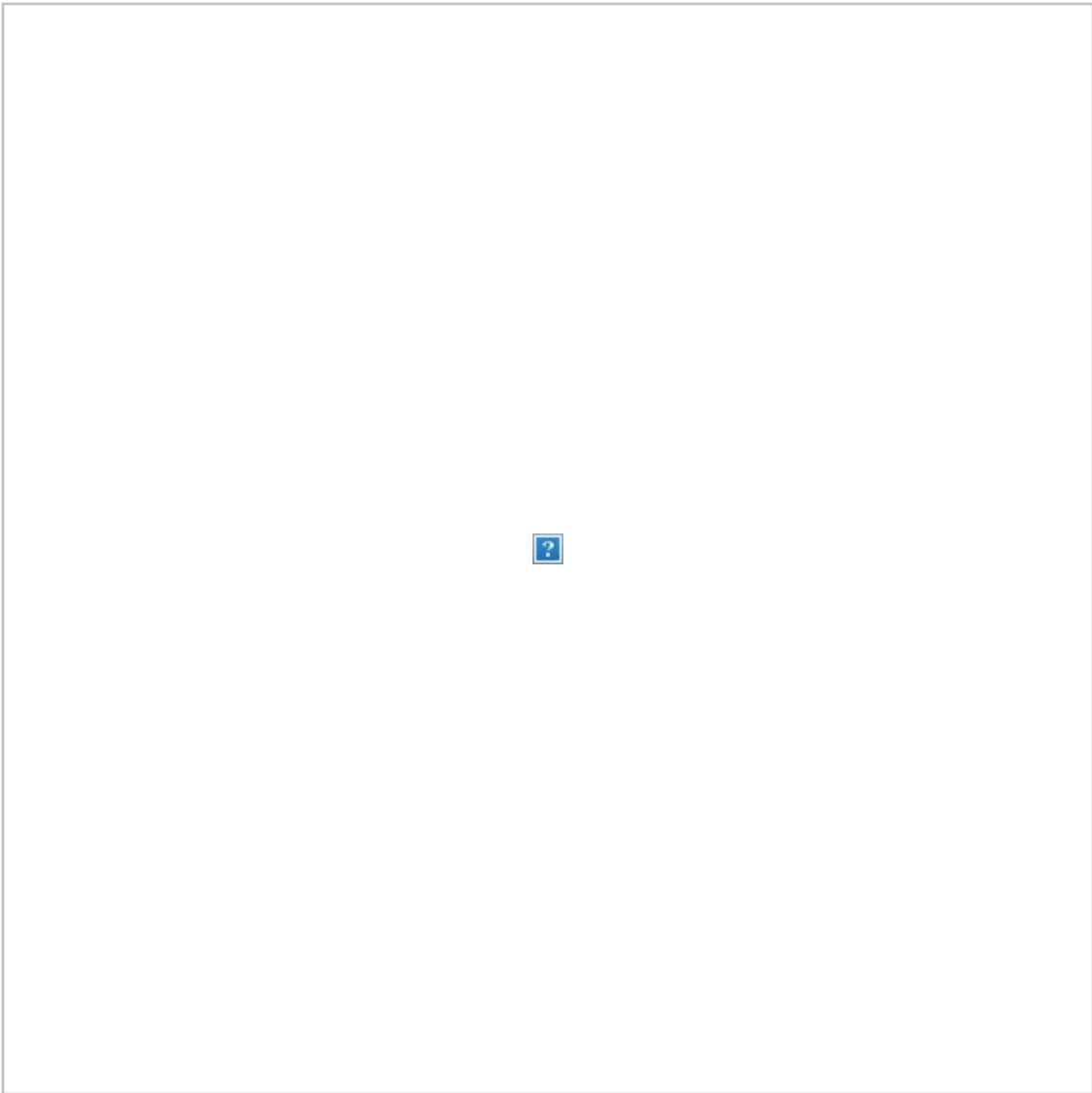
As we continue on this journey, let's take pride in our achievements and continue to uphold the standards of care that set us apart. Your dedication is what makes our community a place where compassion thrives and where residents feel valued and cared for.

Thank you for your continued efforts and for making a difference every day.

Warm regards,
Nikki Wegner

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Deadline for Summer Administrator's Conference

Registration deadline is **July 2nd at midnight**. Please submit your registrations if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

Distribution of Frank L. Wedge Memorial Funds

All Members

Earlier this year, all NDLTCA non-profit nursing facility members were encouraged to apply for a funding opportunity through the Frank L. Wedge Memorial Fund. Facilities were eligible for up to \$10,000. This funding is earmarked to enhance and elevate long-term care services within your facility.

These facilities were announced at the annual convention, and we wanted to also announce here that the following 10 facilities received funding in this round, having not received funding in the previous cycle:

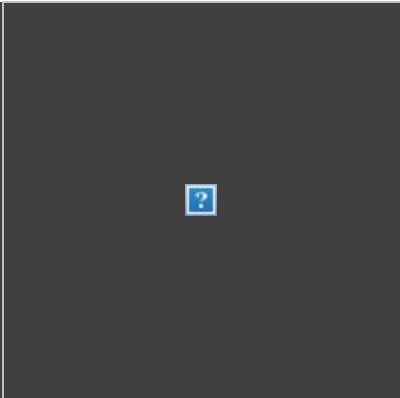
- Aneta Parkview Health Center
- Wedgewood Manor
- Valley Senior Living on Columbia
- Maple Manor Care Center
- Good Samaritan Society - Larimore
- Augusta Place - a Prospera Community
- Baptist Health Care Center
- Eventide Fargo
- Fargo Elim
- Luther Memorial Home

Additionally, the following facilities were selected to receive funding in this round:

- Souris Valley Care Center
- McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, LTC
- Aneta Parkview Health Center
- Lutheran Sunset Home
- Benedictine Living Community-Dickinson
- Benedictine Living Community-Garrison
- Miller Pointe - a Prospera Community
- GSS - Oakes
- Wentz Living Center
- Bethany on 42nd Skilled Care
- Parkside Lutheran Home

Looking ahead, next year, a new group of facilities will be selected by the NDLTCA Resident Issues Committee to receive funding.

Education



We are offering a Bronze Quality Workshop with Cathy Berglund at the upcoming Fall Conference. If you would like to participate, please follow the link for registration: [Click here to register](#)

AHCA/NCAL's Infection Preventionist Specialized Training for Assisted Living

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AHCA/NCAL's Infection Preventionist Specialized Training for Assisted Living, is a specialized course of study for healthcare professionals who desire to serve as Infection Preventionists in assisted living communities. Based on AHCA's popular IPCO course for skilled nursing facilities, this revised version adds information about how the latest evidence-based concepts can be applied in the assisted living setting.

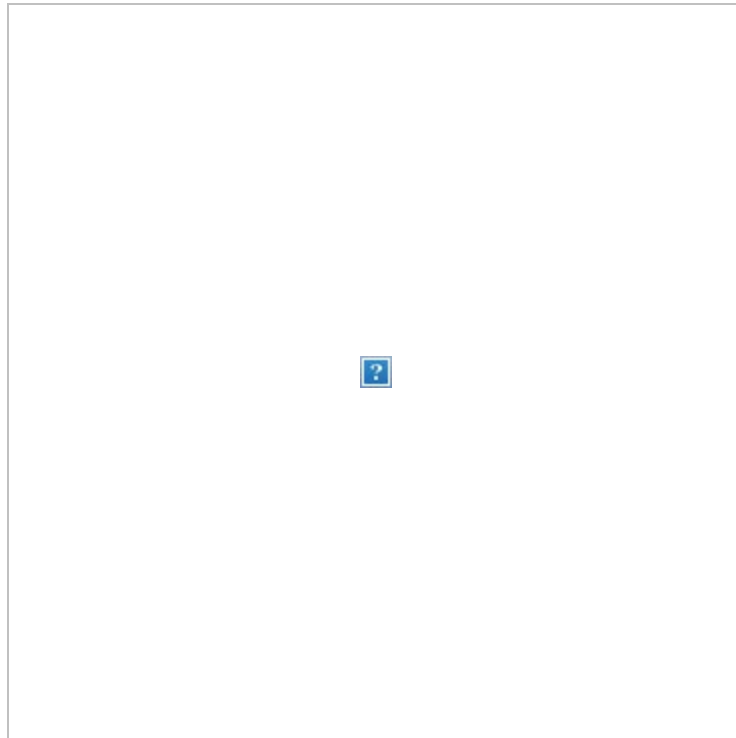
[Read more...](#)

Mitigating Liability Claims in Assisted Living

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Wednesday, June 26 at 1:30 PM Central

This webinar was developed to help assisted living providers understand the top areas of liability risk and the steps that can be taken to reduce liability risk in assisted living. [Register Now](#)



Thank you to our Gold Sponsor, McKesson!

AHCA Updates

AHCA Leads Coalition in Pushing Back Against CMP Enforcement Proposal

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The American Health Care Association (AHCA) and 11 other national organizations [sent a letter](#) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure urging the agency to withdraw its proposal to increase enforcement through excessive civil monetary penalties (CMPs). The proposal was laid out in the FY 2025 Medicare PPS Proposed Rule for SNFs, which is anticipated to be finalized by early August. CMS proposes to layer CMPs on both a per instance and per diem basis, as well as apply a look back period beyond the last standard survey—policies it does not impose on any other health care setting.

AHCA's coalition letter argues that the proposed revisions are inconsistent with current statute, congressional intent, and agency authority. Moreover, it will do nothing to improve quality care and take precious resources away from facilities that need to invest in their workforce and care services. AHCA will continue to push back against this misguided proposal.

[Read the letter](#)

CMS Alerts Providers to Watch Out for Fake Medical Records Requests

All Members

In its weekly [MLN Matters](#) publication, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an alert for providers titled, **Medical Records Request Scam: Watch out for Phishing.**

CMS notes it has identified phishing scams for medical records. This may include scammers faxing providers fraudulent medical records requests to obtain patient records ([see example](#)). Such records contain personally identifiable information or protected health information that can be used for identity theft and other illegal purposes.

[Read more](#)

CMS Releases Revised Guidance for the LTC Facility Assessment

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CMS has released the revised guidance for the Long-term Care Facility Assessment regulation ([QSO-24-13-NH](#)), as part of the federal staffing mandate finalized last month.

The revised regulatory requirements have been moved from 42 CFR 483.70 to 42 CFR 483.71. Existing regulations at 42 CFR 483.70(f) through (q) have been re-designated as paragraphs (e) through (p), respectively. The revised guidance notes that surveyors should determine whether a facility assessment contains the required components under the regulation; they should not evaluate the quality of the assessment.

The revision to the facility assessment regulation at F838 must be implemented by August 8, 2024.

Additional Updates

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Staffing Mandate Lawsuit: LeadingAge officially joined AHCA's suit against HHS and CMS. LeadingAge is a co-plaintiff along with the Texas Health Care Association and several Texas long term care facilities. [Read the announcement](#)

AHCA/NCAL Joins Therapy Coalition in Joint Letter on Physician Fee Schedule Reform: AHCA/NCAL, along with six other organizations representing rehabilitation therapy professionals and facility-based providers, recently submitted a joint letter to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee on Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule reforms. [Read More](#)

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



