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July 9, 2024

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NDLTCA Updates

Filled Positions

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If you have job postings listed on the NDLTCA website and they have been filled, please let [Casidie](#) know and we can get those removed.

[NDLTCA Website](#)

Thank you!

Supreme Court Ruling Is a ‘Game Changer’ for Challenging Nursing Home Staffing Mandate, CMS Authority

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A recent Supreme Court decision could significantly weaken federal agencies’ authority to regulate industries, including powers of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), with wide implications for the recently finalized federal minimum staffing rule for nursing homes.

The Supreme Court’s decision to discard the long-standing so-called Chevron doctrine is a “game changer,” when it comes to upholding the federal staffing mandate against litigation, legal sources told Skilled Nursing News. It further opens the door for the American Health Care Association (AHCA) to challenge the rule, among other possible challenges to CMS authority.

[Read more...](#)

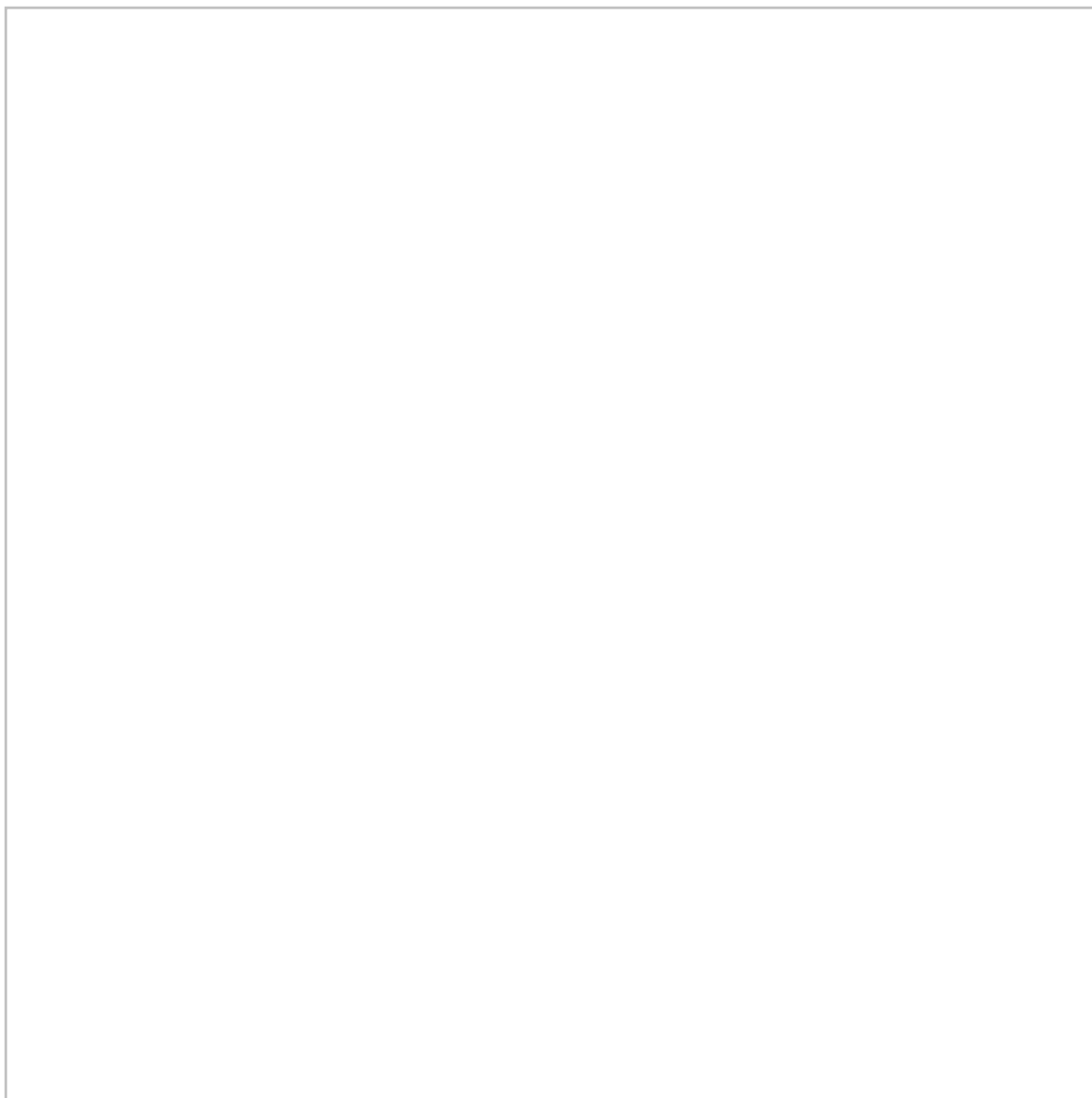
CMS Revises PBJ Staff Turnover Definition and Updates to Nursing Home Data and Care Compare

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released [QSO-24-14-NH](#) regarding updates coming to Nursing Home Care Compare and [Data.CMS.gov](#) on July 31, 2024. The updates reflect previously announced changes that CMS made public in September 2023.

[Read more...](#)

Education



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Join us for this month's webinar, Immediate Jeopardy Risk: Medication Errors on **July 9, 2024, at 1:30-2:30pm.**

Investigating the critical issue of medication errors in nursing homes while analyzing strategies to prevent medication error related citations.

Follow the link to register: [Register Now!](#)

Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health in NF

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The Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health in Nursing Facilities (COE-NF) released new education events for the month of July, with many that offer Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) credits.

Education Events:

- July 9, 2024 - [Question, Persuade, Refer \(QPR\) – Suicide Prevention Training](#) 2 – 3:30 pm EST
- July 17, 2024 - [Effective De-escalation Strategies for Nursing Facilities](#) 2 – 3 pm EST
- July 19, 2024 - [Managing Substance Use Disorders \(SUD\) in Nursing Facilities Office Hours](#) 1 – 1:30 pm EST
- July 23, 2024 - [Understanding Post-traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\): A Brief Overview](#) 2 – 2:30 pm EST
- July 24, 2024 - [CARES Serious Mental Illness \(SMI\) Office Hours](#) 2:30 – 3 pm EST
- July 25, 2024 - [An Introduction to Trauma-informed Care](#) 2 – 2:30 pm EST
- July 26, 2024 - [Mental Health First Aid \(MHFA\)](#) 11 am – 4:30 pm EST

CEO-NF continues to add new [on-demand training videos](#) which includes bite-sized learnings and longer video modules with pre/post-tests on a variety of topics. They also offer a wide array of resources on a multitude of mental health topics via the [resource hub](#).

Love Your Neighbor: Preventing Resident-to-Resident Aggression

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Webinar: August 14 at 1 pm CST

While there has been increasing attention to the subject of abuse prevention in long-term care, aggression between residents is rarely recognized as a significant concern. Too often, negative and aggressive physical, sexual, or verbal interactions that in any other community setting would likely be construed as unwelcome and potentially leading to physical or psychological distress are overlooked.

CONTENT:

1. Review of the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the long-term care industry;
2. Discussion on the circumstances (i.e., clinical, social) motivating social unrest and the steps necessary to creating an inclusive, satisfying environment; and
3. Strategies for proactive assessment and care planning to minimize the potential for disputes and aggressive behavior.

For more information and registration: [AHCA Education: Love Your Neighbor: Preventing Resident-to-Resident Aggression \(ahcancal.org\)](https://www.ahcancal.org/education/love-your-neighbor-preventing-resident-to-resident-aggression)

Learn How to Apply QAPI Principles in Assisted Living to Boost Quality Performance

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NCAL offers a 35-minute online, on demand course titled [Quality Assurance Performance Improvement 101 for Assisted Living](#) that walks through the principles of creating a systematic, comprehensive data-driven approach to quality improvement. The training reviews the five elements of a QAPI program that create the framework for quality assisted living care and services.

AHCA Updates

New LTC Facility Assessment Resources Now Available

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AHCA has developed several new member resources to assist skilled nursing facilities in preparing to meet the new requirements of the long-term care facility assessment, which were revised by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under the *Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities* final rule. The new facility assessment requirements are effective August 8, 2024, so it is important to take advantage of these resources and begin planning now.

The new resources include:

- **Facility Assessment Checklist:** This checklist will support skilled nursing facilities in preparing to meet the new requirements of the facility assessment. It outlines all regulatory requirements that must be included in the facility assessment as stated in the rule.
- **Facility Assessment § 483.71 Action Brief:** This recently updated action brief provides important information skilled nursing facilities need to conduct a facility assessment.
- **Webinar – *Strengthening Facility Assessments to Adapt to Regulatory Changes*:** This webinar provides facility leadership with the regulations, the CMS guidance, operational considerations, and examples of things facilities have done to implement the new requirements. The webinar also offers a question-and-answer section, along with common myths versus facts to assist facilities in fully understanding the updates to the Facility Assessment. Registration is \$50 for AHCA/NCAL members and \$75 for non-members. NAB CEs awarded upon completion.

All of these resources can be accessed on [ahcancaLED](#). Please contact regulatory@ahca.org with any questions.

Facility Assessment Tipsheet: Addressing Behavioral Health Needs

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CMS has issued updated guidance that surveyors will use to evaluate nursing home providers' compliance with the expanded facility assessment requirements included in the minimum staffing rule, which become effective on August 8, 2024.

Every nursing home provider must complete an updated facility assessment by this date. The facility assessment must include an evaluation of the diseases, conditions, physical and/or cognitive limitations, the severity of these conditions and other pertinent information about the resident population that may impact the services provided. This assessment of the resident population should be used by the facility to drive staffing decisions and determine the skills and competencies facility staff must possess to meet the needs of the residents under their care. Consider these tips for compliance with reviewing behavioral health as part of your Facility Assessment...

For more information and full article, [click here](#)

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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

