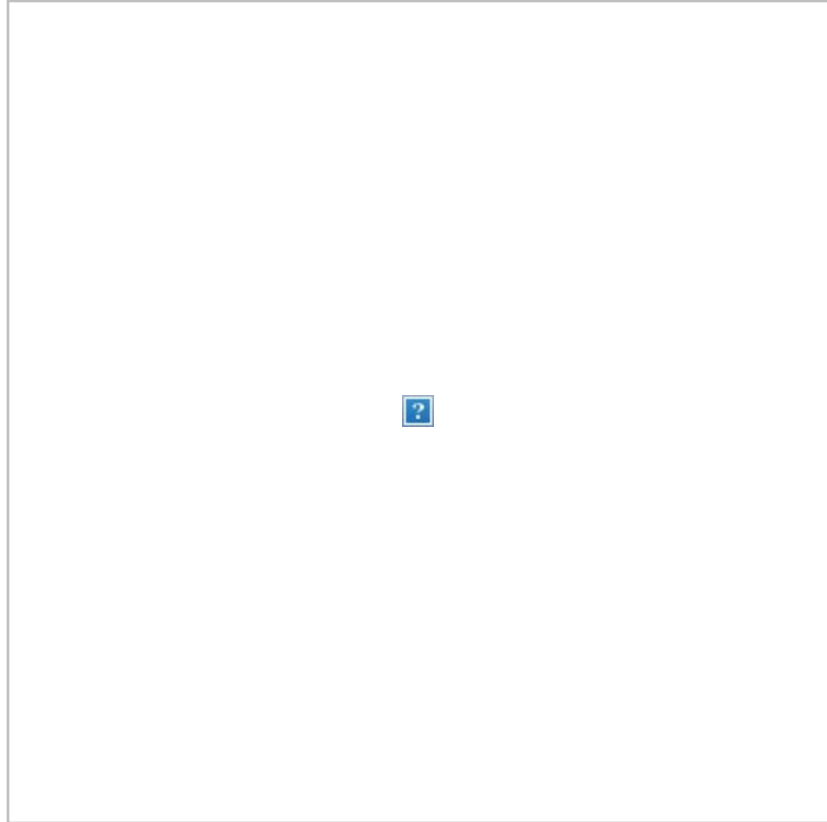


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Please pass along to your teams as appropriate.



NDLTCA Newsletter

August 27, 2024

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

NDLTCA Update

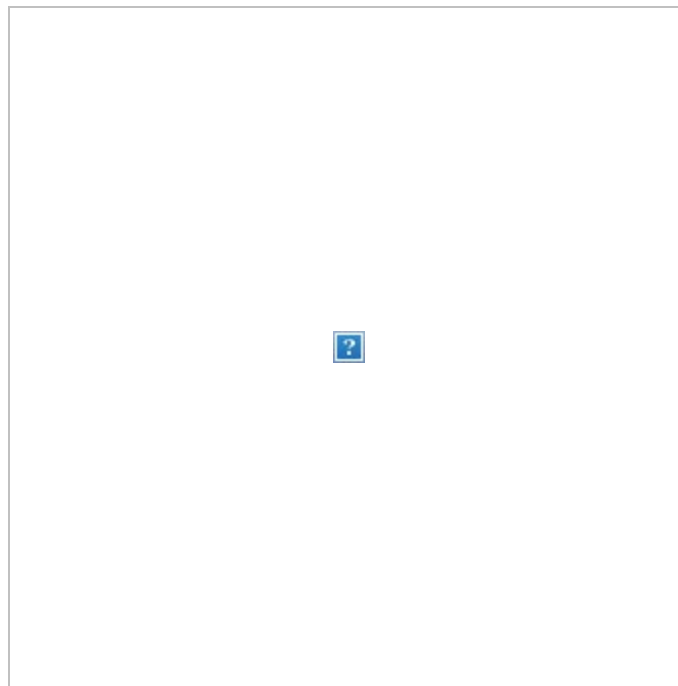


Regions 3 and 5

There will be a Cherished Hopes “Bucket Draw” set up at the NDLTCA Registration Desk. The baskets, valued at \$100 or more, will be displayed throughout the Fall Conference. Participants will have an opportunity to purchase tickets and place them in the bucket or the basket or baskets they would like a chance at winning.

If you are able to contribute to this year's Cherished Hopes bucket draw at the Fall Conference, please let Casidie know at casidie@ndltca.com.

Your support would be greatly appreciated!



Keep It Local Healthcare Talking Points

All Members

Keep it Local is a statewide coalition against Measure 4 which seeks to abolish property tax in North Dakota. The coalition is an ideologically broad group with a central goal of maintaining local control and keeping our communities' great places to live. Here are some talking points for educating and informing your

community members, as a community member:

REDUCED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES: State budgeting changes to backfill property taxes may lead to cuts to the ND Dept. of Health and Human Services budget (the largest in the state) and reimbursements to health care providers, **decreasing access to healthcare services for patients and their families.**

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: Community partners that provide critically important services to support well-being – public health, public transportation, social services – **may be negatively impacted and forced to reduce community services.**

WORKFORCE: The essential local services that property taxes fund will be threatened, **decreasing quality of life in our communities**, negatively impacting our ability to recruit and retain workforce throughout the state.

AHCA/NCAL Updates

Access to Nursing Home Care is Worsening

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The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), representing more than 14,000 nursing homes and other long term care facilities across the country that provide care to approximately five million people each year, today released updated data demonstrating a worsening access to care crisis impacting seniors and individuals with disabilities in need of long term and post-acute care.

The [2024 Access to Care report](#) highlights the intense economic and government pressures providers have faced since the pandemic, resulting in fewer care options and delays in care for our nation's most vulnerable. Specifically, the report looks at the cumulative effect of continued nationwide

labor shortages, record inflation and increasing operational costs, and chronic government underfunding. These recent challenges have severely impacted seniors' ability to access skilled care as nursing homes are forced to limit admissions, downsize, or close altogether.

[Read more...](#)

Applying QAPI Principles in Assisted Living to Boost Performance

AL and BC

Assisted living exists out of a desire to serve and support residents by offering care and services that deliver a high quality of life. Quality assurance and performance improvement programs create reactive and proactive actions that help assisted living communities address problems and create a roadmap for consistently improving care and service delivery.

[Read more...](#)

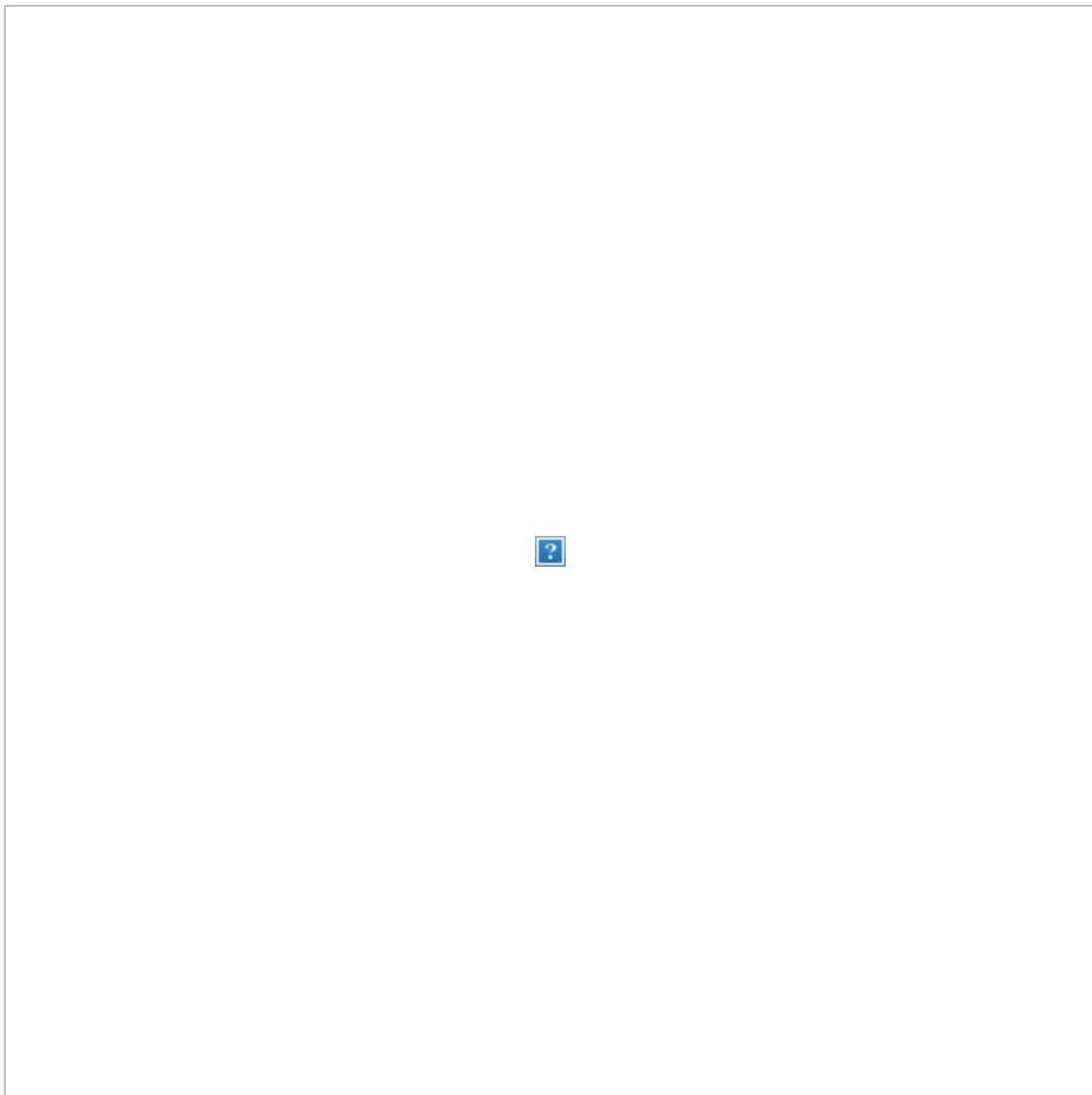
Regulatory

Survey Tip: Transfer and Discharge

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A new survey tip has been posted to the [AHCA Survey Regulatory page](#) for your review. In the Survey Tip section, on the Survey Regulatory page, you will find [tips related to recently noted survey trends](#). In the [latest survey tip](#), you will find information about regulations for transfer and discharge of residents. The tip sheet provides tips regarding F625- Notice of bed-hold policy and return.

For more tips related to transfer and discharge, please visit the Discharges-Making the Safest Transition for Your Residents webinar on [ahcancaLED](#). Email any questions regarding survey prep to regulatory@ahca.org.



Thank you, HTG Architects, for your generous Gold Sponsorship! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Education

Frontline Caregiver: CARES® Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Training and Certification

The CARES® Serious Mental Illness™ Training Program focuses on how you can develop care strategies for those with serious mental illness and how it differs from dementia.

For many years, the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services have led a national effort to reduce the use of antipsychotic medications, especially for people living with dementia. But there are appropriate uses of antipsychotics. By definition, they are designed to help people with serious mental illnesses such as major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and schizoaffective disorder. This program does a deep dive into each of these illnesses and provides helpful strategies for caring for people living with a serious mental illness who may be in your care. This program has 4 modules (4 hours) which includes: Introduction to Serious Mental Illness, Understanding Serious Mental Illness, Living with Serious Mental Illness and The CARES® Approach and Providing Appropriate Care. This is a 4-part session that will provide a certification in CARES SMI upon completion and successful passing of the certification exam.

When:

Tuesday, October 22 – Bismarck, Hampton Inn & Suites Northwest

Wednesday, October 23 – Fargo, location TBT

Watch for more information to come via email and on our education page www.ndltca.org/education/.

Partner Education

BCBS Fall Provider Collaboration Sessions

The sessions will be virtual:

- Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024 / 9am-10:30am (CST)
- Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024 / 1:30pm-3:00pm (CST)

The agenda will include education surrounding the Payment Integrity Program, as well as topics such as website updates and upcoming changes within BCBSND.

Registration can be done by clicking here:

[Register Now for Fall Provider Collaboration Sessions | BCBSND](#)

Long-term Inclusive Care for Elder LGBTQ+ Individuals

We're excited to provide LGBTQ+ resources for elders in long-term care specialized resources designed to support and celebrate LGBTQ+ residents. These resources aim to enhance the quality of care, ensure respectful and affirming environments, and provide guidance on addressing unique needs and challenges. Stay tuned for upcoming conference sessions and materials that will help our long-term care facilities better serve and honor the diverse identities of our elder community.

<https://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/resource.cfm?r=2172>

Here are additional resources:

- [LGBTQ+ Elder Resources](#)
- [Research into LGBTQ+ Elder Struggle and Perspectives AARP](#)
- [Long Term Care Considerations and Research for LGBTQ+ Elders](#)
- [AARP Care Guide for LGBTQ+ Elders](#)
- [Red River Rainbow Seniors Breaking Barriers](#)

([Link](#)) Center for Healthcare Strategies - LGBTQ+ Caregiver Challenges

([Link](#)) Meeting the Health and Social Needs of LGBTQ+ older adults

Workforce

Global Talent Summit-Office of Legal Immigration

All Members

Nikki and Mandy Robinson, one of the chairs for our new NDLTCA Workforce Committee participated in the Global Talent Summit last week, hosted by the Department of Commerce. The summit provided valuable insights into programs available for our members, including efficient visa pathways like the E3 Visa for Australians. This visa allows us to fill nursing positions without language barriers and also permits spouses to work on their trailing visas. Additionally, the E3 Visa has a cap that is rarely reached.

Paige Kuntz from the Office of Legal Immigration is arranging a virtual meeting with a recruiter for our members to discuss these opportunities further—stay tuned for details!

Another visa option highlighted was the TN Visa under the NAFTA agreement for Canada and Mexico. This visa is particularly advantageous as it does not require petitions and is not subject to numerical caps.

WelcomeCorps At Work and Victoria St. are two organizations that help refugees and asylees find housing and employment and help support them. Check out their information: [Skilled-based Refugee Asylee Recruitment](#)

See the ND Office of Legal Immigration for more information about more programs and recruiters [Office of Legal Immigration \(nd.gov\)](#)

Check out this great information from the Summit:

[2024 Global Talent Summit - Opening Plenary](#)

[Sponsorship 101](#)

[Advanced Degree Pathways](#)

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

