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# NDLTCA Newsletter

## September 10, 2024

**All Members - *All Members***

**Assisted Living - *AL***

**Basic Care - *BC***

**Nursing Facilities - *NF***



Thank you, Eide Bailly for your generous Platinum sponsorship! Your support is greatly appreciated!

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## Happy National Assisted Living week!

This year's theme, Inspiring Generations, offers assisted living staff, communities, residents, and families the opportunity to look at how assisted living has evolved and grown, inspired by the residents and those who care for them.

The annual observance encourages assisted living communities around the country to offer a variety of events and activities to celebrate the individuals they serve, as well as to help educate members of the public about this important aspect of long term care.

Thank you to all of our Assisted Living facilities for your commitment to providing quality care to our long-term care residents.

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## Celebrate National Assisted Living Week with Healthcare Academy's \$100 FIGS Gift Card Giveaway!

*AL*

Happy National Assisted Living Week! Join Healthcare Academy in celebrating the dedicated professionals who “inspire generations” through exceptional care and service in assisted living.

We invite you to nominate an outstanding assisted living healthcare professional for a chance to win a \$100 FIGS gift card. Share a story with us that highlights their extraordinary caregiving and the essential support they provide to enhance their residents' quality of life.

Nominations are open through Saturday, September 14th. Winners will be contacted during the week of September 23rd.

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

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## BC/AL Study - Guidehouse Report Review TODAY

*AL and BC*

Don't miss the call today with ND Department of Health and Human Services to hear about Guidehouse's recommendations for basic care and assisted living. It's today, **September 10th from 2- 4 pm.**

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

**Join the meeting now**

Meeting ID: 216 528 229 281

Passcode: wMzWJ4

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**Dial in by phone**

[+1 701-328-0950,,663188676#](#) United States, Fargo

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 663 188 676#

**Join on a video conferencing device**

Tenant key: [teams@join.nd.gov](#)

Video ID: 116 682 009 2

[More info](#)

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## Cost Report Update - Nursing and Drug Supplies

*NF and BC*

Thank you to NDLTCA committee chairs, Ron Frei and Garth Rydland for your work with Sarah Aker and LeeAnn Thiel on not only the upper payment limit issue but also coming to a more reasonable place with the detailed nursing and drug supplies.

Nursing Facilities:

The 2024 cost report instructions state that a detailed nursing drugs and supplies report must be submitted with the cost report (Required Files #8). **You only need to submit January-March 2024** detailed information instead of the full 12 months of the cost report.

Basic Care:

The 2024 cost report instructions state that a detailed nursing drugs and supplies report must be submitted with the cost report (Required Files #5). **You only need to submit January-March 2024** detailed information instead of the full 12 months of the cost report.

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## **NDLTCA Update**

### **Official Notice - Secretary/Treasurer Position**

*All Members*

We would like to inform you that the position of Secretary/Treasurer on the NDLTCA Board is currently open for nominations. Rick Regner, who has served the remainder of Tim Kennedy's term is eligible to run for re-election. We also encourage anyone interested in this position to consider putting their name forward.

Please review the responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer and consider how your skills and experience align with the needs of our board.

1. Conduct roll call at Board and Membership meetings.
2. Record motions and votes at NDLTCA Board and Membership meetings.
3. Chair the Budget Committee and draft the NDLTCA yearly budget.
4. Review and present to the membership the results of the year-end financial report.
5. Be an active NDLTCA Key Member and may participate as a lobbyist for the Association.

6. Be a board contact on at least one NDLTCA committee. As board contact you are expected to attend respective committee meetings and report on committee activities at the board meetings. Be a support to committee chair and assist them as necessary.
7. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair represent the Association.

Please send me nominations by September 17. We will also take nominations from the floor during our fall membership meeting, September 24.

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*We currently have **only 6** committed facilities for our Cherished Hopes program. This year, the regions for the conference are Regions 3 and 5. **BUT - if your facility is interested in donating a basket, please reach out to Casidie at [casidie@ndltca.org](mailto:casidie@ndltca.org) Thank you!***

1. *SMP Health - St. Raphael*

2. *Elm Crest Manor – New Salem*
  3. *Touchmark at Harwood Groves*
  4. *SMP Health - Ave Maria*
  5. *Knife River Care Center*
  6. *Wentz Living Center*
  7. *St. Luke's Home*
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**Join us for the NDLTCA-PAC  
 Poker Run with Sponsors & FUN Pianos**



**Poker Run with Sponsors**  
 6:00-7:30pm



**1 Piano -  
 2 Much FUN!**  
 7:30-9:00pm



**Includes:  
 Nacho Bar  
 + 2 drink tickets**

**Register Today!**



**Click HERE to see what fun you will be missing if you don't attend!**

**All proceeds go to the NDLTCA-PAC!**

**2024 PAC Event Registration Form**

Please fill in registration and mail along with your **personal** check payable to the NDLTCA-PAC, **personal** credit card, or cash.

**COST \$75 PER PERSON**

Name

Phone  Email

Address

City  State  Zip

Email: [stacy@ndltca.org](mailto:stacy@ndltca.org)  
 OR Mail: NDLTCA-PAC, Attn: Stacy, 1900 N 11th Street, Bismarck ND 58501

Join us! Want to pay by credit card? Contact Stacy [stacy@ndltca.org](mailto:stacy@ndltca.org) or 701.222.0660.

[Click here to see what fun you will be missing if you don't attend.](#)

## Calls and Visits from the DOJ

*All Members*

The U.S. Department of Justice and the Subject matter expert team are currently in North Dakota and planning to visit facilities and residents. Their names are Micheal Spanier, Kris Erickson, and Tara Iverson and Mariela.

The ND Department of Health and Human Services has shared names of individuals who are part of the Settlement Agreement, including residents in your buildings. One of your colleagues reported that they received a couple of phone calls explaining this and asked to speak with those individuals. To learn more about the Settlement Agreement, follow this link: [U.S. Department of Justice Settlement Agreement | Health and Human Services North Dakota](#)

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## Education

### Frontline Caregiver Training

#### CARES® Serious Mental Illness™ Training Program

*All Members*

**Register your staff now** for the CARES® Serious Mental Illness™ Training Program.

**Seats are limited.** This training focuses on how you can develop care strategies for those with serious mental illness and how it differs from dementia.

Bismarck October 22, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Fargo October 23, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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. The modules include Introduction to Serious Mental Illness, Understanding Serious Mental Illness, Living with Serious Mental Illness and the CARES® Approach and Providing Appropriate Care. This 4-part session will provide a certification in CARES SMI upon completion and then successfully passing of the certification exam.

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

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## Person-Centered Dementia Care Trainings

*All Members*

The North Dakota Dementia Care Services Program is offering a series of educational trainings to help individuals better understand how to implement person-centered care in all aspects of dementia care as well as learn appropriate dementia care techniques in line with nationally recognized Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendations in 5 key topic areas:

1. Fundamentals of Person-Centered Care
2. Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia
3. Assessment and Care Planning
4. Dementia-Related Behaviors and Communication
5. Support of Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

This program is FREE and 3 CEUs are available. Schedule a few staff to attend each month.

September 2024

Person-Centered Dementia Care: Recommendations for Professionals – Virtual | Friday, September 13 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CST)

[Register Today](#)

October 2024

Person-Centered Dementia Care: Recommendations for Professionals | Tuesday, October 8 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (CST)

[Register Today](#)

Person-Centered Dementia Care: Recommendations for Professionals – Thursday, October 24 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (CST)

[Register Today](#)

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## Workforce

### FREE WEBINAR: Leveraging Australian E3 Visas to Address ND Nursing Shortage

*All Members*

Please join us for a FREE webinar on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am – 12:15pm CST!

In this webinar, North Dakota healthcare employers who are struggling with recruiting sufficient nursing workforce can learn how to recruit qualified nurses from Australia using an E3 Visa.

The Office of Legal Immigration will be joined by experts **Jonathan Grode, U.S. Immigration Attorney and Amy Meyer from Aussie Recruits**. During this webinar, we will explore the legalities and requirements of the E3 Visa and how it can benefit North Dakota Healthcare

employers.

This webinar will help you gain an understanding around the "Aussie" recruitment process from the first conversation, all the way through employment in your facility. This webinar is open to all healthcare employers including hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics. Members of the ND Board of Nursing are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

REGISTER HERE: [Leveraging Australian E3 Visas to Address ND Nursing Shortage](#)

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## Ever Thought About Becoming a Nursing Home Administrator?

*All Members*

### **Why become an Administrator:**

You have the opportunity to significantly impact the quality of life for elderly residents. By ensuring that the facility runs smoothly, you help provide a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment for those in need. As an administrator, you will lead and inspire a team of healthcare professionals, shaping the culture and standards of care in your facility. Helping families and residents in our community can be deeply fulfilling and gives you a sense of purpose.

### **What are the qualifications?**

- You must be 18 years of age or older to apply.

- You must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university or have an associate degree and has practiced as a licensed nursing home administrator in any jurisdiction for at least five of the last six years

### **What are the steps to become licensed?**

- Complete and submit an intent to application form
- Enroll and complete 1,000 hours of a board of approved Administrator in Training program.
- Submit an Application for Licensure and pay the \$250 application fee along with a certified transcript from an accredited college or university and two letters of reference.
- Submit to a state and federal criminal history record check.
- Pass a state and national exam

To find out more information, visit the ND Board of Examiners for [Nursing Home Administrator's website](#) or reach out to Peggy Krikava, Executive Director.

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## **Incentive Funding for Apprenticeship Program**

### *All Members*

Equus Workforce Solutions' DOL Intermediary Apprenticeship team is happy to announce the 2024-2025 Incentive Funding application is now live. This year, to help streamline this opportunity, they are excited to share that their application process will be easy to access, receive, and apply for. If you are interested in finding out additional information on how you can access this monetary assistance, and if you qualify, please contact us via email. All inquiries should be directed to Michelle Day, National Director, at [discoverapprenticeship@equusworks.com](mailto:discoverapprenticeship@equusworks.com). They are looking forward to hearing from you and reviewing any questions you may have, as well as your application. This opportunity will be

open to applicants during the month of September, and they are looking at announcing the first round of awardees in the beginning of October.

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## Post a Job on Our Website

*All Members*

[North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Career Opportunities \(ndltca.org\)](http://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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## Brief Surveys for LPNs

*All Members*

Please consider sharing the survey below with your LPN staff.

*The Constituent State Nurses Association Name is committed to understanding and supporting the needs and interests of Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses (LPNs/LVNs) like you in our state.*

*To achieve this, we have developed a brief 15-minute survey designed to gather your valuable feedback on various aspects of your professional life. Your responses will help us understand your needs.*

*Your participation is crucial in helping us gain a comprehensive understanding of the LPN/LVN*

community in your state. [LPNs, please take a few minutes to complete the survey at https://surveys.nursingworld.org/s3/2024-LPN-LVN-Survey.](https://surveys.nursingworld.org/s3/2024-LPN-LVN-Survey) Your responses are confidential and will be used solely for research purposes.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the nursing profession. We value your input and look forward to your participation in this important survey.

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## Medicare Advantage

### NextBlue of North Dakota Medicare Advantage Important Message

*All Members*

NextBlue of North Dakota Medicare Advantage Plan would like to inform providers of new part B drugs that will require prior authorization as of Nov. 1, 2024.

The NextBlue Part B drug list will be updated shortly, which is located on the NextBlue Provider Website under [Provider Resources | Prior Authorizations \(nextbluend.com\)](https://nextbluend.com).

#### Questions?

Contact the NextBlue of North Dakota Provider Call Center at 1-844-753-8039.

[Read More HealthCare News | BCBSND](#)



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## How to Put Medicare Advantage CY24 Changes into Action

*All Members*

The evolving health care landscape continues to present new opportunities for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicare Advantage (MA) beneficiaries to access necessary care. The powerful changes included in the Medicare Advantage Contract Year 2024 Final Rule, which took effect at the beginning of 2024, are reshaping how care is accessed and managed. As we navigate through the current year, these changes remain crucial for SNFs to leverage. [Read more...](#)

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