



NDLTCA Newsletter

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burg Care Center!



Facility Recognized As 2024 Recipient Of Silver Achievement In Quality

ebner) reports the **Strasburg Care Center** "was recently recognized as a 2024 recipient of the Silver Achievement in National Center for Assisted Living." The center "is one of just five nursing facilities in the state of North Dakota and 98 nursing homes in the state." Administrator Robert Sheckler said, "This recognition of the outstanding care we provide our residents at Strasburg Care Center is a testament to our dedication of Service, Caring & Commitment to our residents daily."



The banner features three circular award logos on the left: a silver one for 'NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD', a gold one for 'NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD', and a bronze one for 'NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD'. The text on the right reads: '2025 AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program', 'Submit Your Intent to Apply!', and 'Deadline - November 14 - 8PM EST'.

The 2025 [Quality Award Program](#) offers more than just a discounted application fee and timely reminders throughout the process. It also provides access to valuable resources and opportunities.

Boost Your Assisted Living Community Performance

course titled *Quality Assurance Performance Improvement 101 for Assisted Living* that walks through the principles of change to quality improvement.

Quality Assurance Performance Improvement of North Dakota Update

Quality Assurance Associates of North Dakota (QHA) has contracted with Great Plains QIN for the last several years to complete CMS audits. This contract will be ending on November 7, 2024. Even though the contract with Great Plains QIN is closing, QHA will continue ongoing [quality improvement projects](#).

You are requested to do the following in the next week:

Information -
jlthorp@qualityhealthnd.org; hwilson@qualityhealthnd.org; jlauckner@qualityhealthnd.org; lthorp@qualityhealthnd.org
Resources - the [Great Plains QIN website](#) will be sunsetting.

Information regarding the procurement phase of the CMS contract award process. We will share information as we are able regarding

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site to see more opportunities for you and your teams: <https://ndltca.org/education/>

ger Territories Updated

elect Kelly Armstrong's new administration?

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a list of those slated to work in his office Wednesday, Nov. 6.

holders Weigh Policy Changes Under New Administration

ny long-term care stakeholders are optimistic about potential policy shifts. We are hopeful that the new administration
ates introduced under the Biden administration, which are scheduled to take effect in 2026. This is our chance to ad
care delivery. NDLTCA will continue to share updates as they become available.

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results, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your tireless efforts in the campaign against Mea
ng this outcome.

be able to educate our communities, engage in meaningful conversations, and ultimately protect our shared values.

property taxes, it's now essential for our legislators to focus on meaningful solutions to reduce the burden on property
at providing much-needed property tax relief in the upcoming session.



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awareness campaign that aims to break the stigma surrounding PD-related hallucinations and delusions and foster
s before symptoms start or at the first sign so they may speak up to their doctor. As part of this campaign, Acadia is
e Ryan Reynolds and his mother Tammy Reynolds, to raise awareness about hallucinations and delusions related to

with Parkinson's disease (PD) may experience hallucinations and/or delusions during the course of their disease. They should not speak to their doctors about the hallucinations and delusions they may be experiencing.

Doctors and people with PD from speaking to their doctors.

People with PD and their loved ones speak with their doctor before symptoms start or at the first sign so they may speak up.

Both the motor and non-motor symptoms, including the things that you or your loved one is seeing, hearing, and thinking, and delusions related to PD. Here is a discussion guide to help navigate your conversation: <https://moretoparkinsons.org>

How can you determine if a treatment option is right for you.

How to find information and resources and hear Ryan's story and those of other real people with Parkinson's.



Acadia, for sharing this important information.

Dementia Care Training

The Services Program is offering a series of educational trainings to help individuals better understand how to implement appropriate dementia care techniques in line with nationally recognized Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Practice

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Recommendations for Professionals Monday, November 18th | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CST)

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Four New SNF VBP Measures That Began October 1?

facility value-based purchasing (SNF VBP) measures took effect October 1, 2024 that determine Medicare Part A rates. The four measures already in place that impact rates starting on October 1, 2025.

Data Cooperative

AHCA's LTC Data Cooperative, consider joining. This initiative integrates data from major long-term care EMR vendors and provides insights to providers.

improves treatments and practices, with studies approved by a provider-led committee.

discussions, overseen by an Advisory Committee.

metrics like hospitalizations, with benchmarks against peers.

ably, PointClickCare and MatrixCare can share data on your behalf.

dy participating.

ure, FAQs, and the Participation Agreement to get started.

vid Gifford or Stephanie Kissam, or email the team at ltcdatacooperative@ahca.org. More info at ltcdatacooperative.org

Impacting Nursing Home NHSN Reporting Starting January 1, 2025

ar [2025 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update](#), which includes significant changes to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) National Health Security Network (NHSN) reporting requirements for nursing homes.

ed on November 7, 2024, and can be found [here](#). Please feel free to send questions to regulatory@ahca.org.

[Accurate Weekly NHSN Reporting](#)

Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Finalized

, which will become effective on January 1. By factors specified in law, average payment rates under the PFS will be reduced. AHCA is working to reverse these finalized rate cuts. Read more from CMS' [fact sheet](#) and the [advanced notice of the final rule](#). AHCA/Alaska Medicaid is committed to the positive changes we supported—and how it impacts members soon. [Read More](#).

Provider Enrollment Visits (All Providers and Suppliers) and Specific Dis

Quality and Safety Special Alerts page. Please distribute to staff as appropriate.

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o this memorandum, please contact your MAC.

[h-safety-standards/quality-safety-oversight-general-information/quality-and-safety/clarification-cms-provider-enrollm](#)

Recruiters: Careers in Caring Champions

led caregivers continues to grow, and transforming long term care staff into *Careers in Caring Champions* offers a p

tine Living!

Provider has turned on an overseas golden spigot to fill its nursing ranks

An international talent pipeline has helped one Minnesota-based operator bring more than 130 nurses to the US — a talent channel has been a savior in helping Kathleen Murray, director of workforce solutions at **Benedictine Living**, fill

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ing for your facility, please contact Stacy Irey at 701.222.0660 or email stacy@ndltca.org