



NDLTCA Newsletter

November 5, 2024

All Members - *All Members*

Assisted Living - *AL*

Basic Care - *BC*

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Get out and vote!!

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Nov. 5, is Election Day in North Dakota! It's crucial to be prepared to make your voice heard. Review your ballot and ensure you know where to vote:

- Visit vote.nd.gov/myvotinginfo and enter your address to see your polling location information, including dates and times on when you can vote.
- Visit the [ND Secretary of State's Office website](#) to view a sample ballot based on your address.

NDLTCA Updates

Announcement: Erica Cermak Joins NDLTCA as Vice President of Government Affairs



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We are excited to announce that Erica Cermak has joined the North Dakota Long Term Care Association as our new Vice President of Government Affairs. Her first day will be November 18th. Erica brings with her a wealth of experience in policy advocacy, strategic government relations, and a deep commitment to advancing the interests of North Dakota's long term care community.

In this new role, Erica will be instrumental in strengthening our voice at the state and federal levels, ensuring that the unique needs and challenges of our providers are well-represented in legislative and regulatory arenas. Her background in public administration and her dedication to building meaningful connections with lawmakers and stakeholders make her a fantastic addition to our team.

Please join us in welcoming Erica as she embarks on this vital role, working to support and protect the future of long term care in ND.

Medicaid

Medicaid Provider Enrollment Webinars

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ND Medicaid Providers,

We are excited to announce that Provider Enrollment will be offering **two webinars on November 20, 2024**, to discuss important updates that have occurred and/or will be occurring in the near future.

A big highlight that will be covered is the changes that have been made to the Individual and Group Applications. Sessions will be scheduled for an hour to leave time for discussion.

To register, please click on your preferred time. You may call in to the meeting, but will still need to register for a session.

NOTE: These sessions are not specific to the Qualified Service Provider (QSP) enrollment process and not intended for QSPs.

Please forward this invitation to anyone in your organization who may be interested in attending.

We are looking forward to this time together with you!

Jennifer A. Larson

ND Medicaid Program Integrity Unit Administrator

[Enroll to attend the 10-11 a.m. CT session on November 20](#)

[Enroll to attend the 1:30-2:30 p.m. CT session on November 20](#)

Quality



National Quality Award Intent to Apply and Portal Open

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We encourage applicants who plan to apply for a National Quality Award in 2025 to [submit an ITA](#) before the deadline on **Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 8PM EST**. Learn more about the [ITA process here](#). Need help? Visit our [help page](#) or [email us!](#)

Be sure to review educational materials across all award levels to help you on the path to success.

- Comprehensive application packets: [Bronze SNFs & ID/DDs](#), [Bronze ALs](#), [Silver](#) and [Gold](#)
- Month-to-Month Roadmap to guide [Bronze](#), [Silver](#) and [Gold](#) applicants
- Submit-Along: [Step-by-step ITA recording](#)
- [In-Depth Criteria Video Series](#) on ahcancaLED

For more resources, [click here](#).

Quality award fast facts, [click here](#).

Education



Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health in Nursing Facilities

NF

Understanding Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): A Brief Overview

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2-2:30 p.m. ET [REGISTER HERE](#)

Tools for Creating Calm in Times of Distress – Part 1

Thursday, November 14, 2024 2-3 p.m. ET [REGISTER HERE](#)

Tools for Creating Calm in Times of Distress – Part 2

Thursday, November 21, 2024 2-3 p.m. ET [REGISTER HERE](#)

In the News

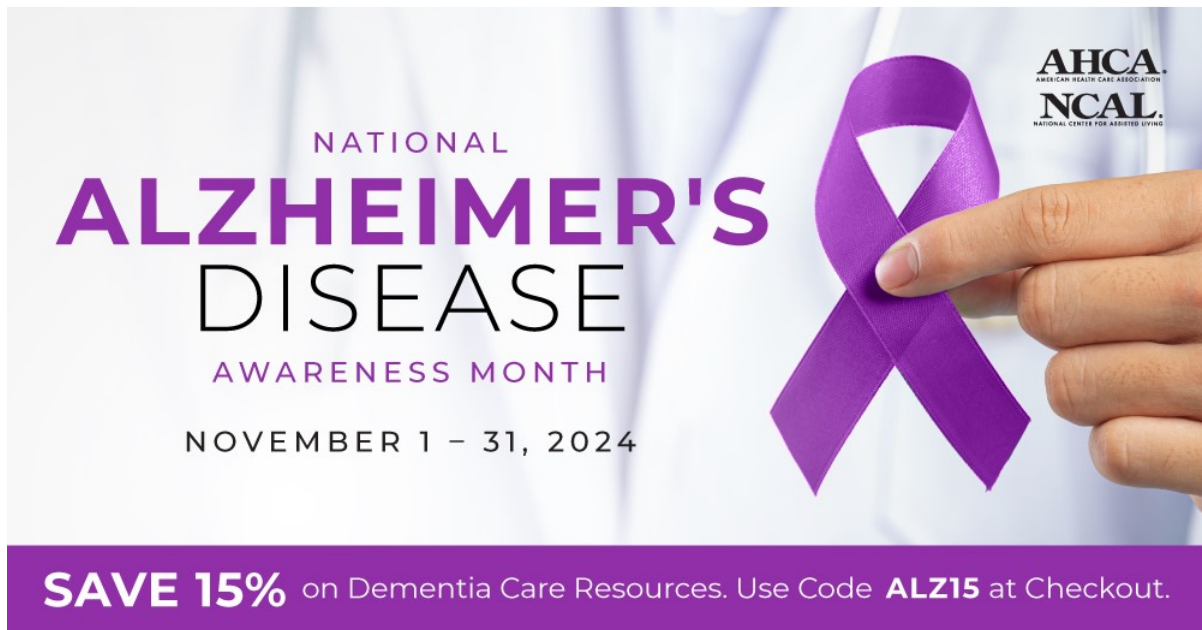
CMS Official Clarifies Nursing Home Policy Changes for 2025 on Surveys, CMPs, Staffing, as No 'Finish Line' in Sight for Legislation, Litigation

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Skilled Nursing News By [Zahida Siddiqi](#) | October 29, 2024 In 2025, the nursing home sector can expect several policy updates from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Director Evan Shulman said on Tuesday. He highlighted the agency's work on risk-based surveys to reduce delays and new consumer guides for which the agency is seeking feedback from nursing homes, among other initiatives.

[Read more...](#)

AHCA/NCAL Updates

A promotional banner for National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. The background is a light blue and white pattern resembling a medical coat. On the right, a hand holds a purple awareness ribbon. The text on the left reads: "NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH NOVEMBER 1 - 31, 2024". In the top right corner, the logos for AHCA (American Health Care Association) and NCAL (National Center for Alzheimer's Living) are visible. A purple bar at the bottom contains the text: "SAVE 15% on Dementia Care Resources. Use Code ALZ15 at Checkout."

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Not only is November National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, but it's also National Caregiver Month!

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We salute the dedicated long term care staff members and loved ones who provide countless hours of compassionate care to individuals living with this devastating disease.

In honor of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month, **Save 15%** on dementia care resources throughout November. **Use promo code ALZ15** at checkout.

[Find our top selling books here.](#)

Regulatory

CMS Officials Update Nursing Homes on MDS State Assessment Processes, Changes to Social Determinant Items

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Grant Opportunities

Building Healthier Rural Community (BUILD) Grants

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (BCBSND) Caring Foundation and the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota, School of Medicine and Health Sciences is excited to announce a grant opportunity opening Nov. 1, 2024, through Nov. 15, 2024. This grant is specific to rural health care providers who partner with nonprofit organizations or others in their community for funding of projects to help the building of a healthier rural community in 2025.

With these grants, rural health care providers and their communities collaborate to address their unique health and wellness challenges. The funding period will begin Jan. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025.

This grant program targets the following primary focus areas:

- Economic stability
- Education access and quality
- Healthcare access and quality
- Neighborhood and built environment
- Social and community context

It is anticipated that six to eight grants will be awarded in the amounts of \$5,000 to \$7,500. Strongest consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate strong and diverse community collaborations and sustainability

To learn more about this opportunity and to apply for this year's grant, visit our Caring Foundations [Building Healthier Rural Community Grants | BCBSND](#) webpage.

Office of Legal Immigration Grant Program

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The North Dakota Office of Legal Immigration Grant is newly developed in response to Senate Bill 2142 enacted by the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly to create the Office and develop a pilot program to support businesses pursuing or employing legal immigrants and to support communities to develop immigrant integration plans and activities. Improving employer awareness of and access to international recruitment pathways, preparedness to employ foreign-born individuals, and support economic inclusion in the workforce will improve

recruitment and retention of foreign-born workers and those that are internationally educated and credentialed. Investing in community integration activities and increasing awareness of community-based resources and programs will improve the lived experiences and long-term retention of New Americans and immigrants living in North Dakota.

Purpose

The Office of Legal Immigration grant is designed to support eligible employers and community-based organizations in their efforts to recruit, retain, and integrate New Americans in North Dakota.

[Grant program information, click here.](#)

Workforce

Post a Job on Our Website

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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 Stacy Irey at 701.222.0660 or email stacy@ndltca.org



Contact us at 701-222-0660 or email Nikki at nikki@ndltca.org or Peggy at peggy@ndltca.org.