



NDLTCA Newsletter

December 24, 2024

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As we reflect on this past year, we want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the people you serve. Your efforts in providing compassionate and quality care are at the heart of what makes a difference in our communities.

We also greatly appreciate your support of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association. Together, we've tackled challenges, celebrated successes, and made strides in strengthening long-term care across the state.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited about the opportunities to continue working together and advancing care for those who depend on us.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a wonderful new year!

Education



Mark Your Calendars! 🎉 48th Annual Convention & Expo

All Members

Get ready for the biggest event of the year! Join us for the **48th Annual Convention and Expo** on **May 6-9, 2025**, at the **Bismarck Event Center**.

What to Expect:

- ✦ Engaging sessions with industry leaders
- ✦ Opportunities to network with fellow members
- ✦ An Expo showcasing the latest innovations in long-term care

Sneak Peek:

Check out the schedule overview here: [48th Annual Convention & Expo](#)

Registration & Brochure: Coming soon—stay tuned!

Don't miss out—make plans to be part of this incredible experience!



Survey Smart: LTC Deficiency Trends & Solutions

2025 12-month webinar series

2nd Tuesday each month @ 1:30 p.m. CT
January 14 through December 9, 2025

 **North Dakota Long Term Care Association**  **PROACTIVE LTC CONSULTING**

Survey Smart: LTC Deficiency Trends & Solutions

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This series offers an in-depth understanding of the most frequently cited deficiencies with practical solutions to avoid similar citations. Each monthly webinar will focus on a specific regulatory requirement. Participants will learn about the latest regulatory updates, common pitfalls, and effective strategies to maintain compliance and improve quality care. As part of your registration, you will be a link to the recording after each webinar.

This webinar series is recommended for administrators, DON's, leadership, QA Directors, Compliance Staff and Department Heads. Please be sure to share this educational opportunity with your staff.

[Register here](#)



3rd Tuesday of each month @ 1:30 p.m. CT
January 21 through December 16, 2025



Reducing Litigation Risk for SNF & AL

NF & AL

This series will provide healthcare professionals with insight into the LTC litigation process and best practices for avoiding lawsuits. Instructors will include LTC Legal Nurse Consultant with guest sessions by experienced nursing home defense attorneys. Monthly discussions will include LTC “Hot Topics” of falls and accidents, elopement, resident changes in condition, internal investigations, incident management and more. Checklist and tools will be provided to assist in assessing and monitoring areas of high litigation risk. As part of your registration, you

will be a link to the recording after each webinar.

This webinar series is recommended for administrators, DON's, Clinical Department Managers, Clinical Consultants, Owners, Board of Directors, Compliance Officer, QAPI team, Regional Team.

[Register here](#)

Free Webinar: Improving Focusing on Dining and Nutrition Outcomes for Residents with Dementia

All Members

Dining is a multi-sensory experience that those living with dementia may not be fully experiencing. AHCA/NCAL and Incite Strategic Partners offer this free webinar titled "[Optimizing Dining and Nutrition Outcomes for Residents with Dementia.](#)"

This one-hour session focuses on nutrition issues specific to dementia, including nutrients and food components to support cognitive health, dementia dining issues, and evidence-based sensory techniques for enhancing wellness at mealtimes. Newly developed programming addressing the multi-sensory nature of eating and the dining environment can enhance mealtimes for those with dementia.

Members will need to log in with their AHCA/NCAL usernames and passwords to register for this free webinar. For assistance obtaining usernames and passwords, members should e-mail educate@ahca.org with their name and facility contact information. Register [here](#).

Regulatory

CMS Updates Guidance for Mandatory Off-Cycle SNF Provider Enrollment Revalidations

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently posted the [ninth update to sub-regulatory guidance for the SNF Mandatory Off-Cycle SNF Provider Enrollment Revalidation](#) process. This update includes three significant changes and updates of which providers need to be aware.

1. Whether payroll vendors need be disclosed

In Section (IV)(B)(1)(ii)) that provides examples of categories of potentially disclosable parties, the Administrative Services category guidance now says that payroll vendors do not need to be reported as an additional disclosable party (ADP) as follows:

(ii) Administrative Services – Can involve services such as, but not limited to, compliance/oversight, human resources, public relations/outreach/advertising, technical assistance to the SNF’s main information system, etc. (This category does not include custodial, building security, and similar services. It also does not include EHR vendors or payroll vendors. Neither EHR vendors nor payroll vendors need be reported as ADPs in any of the ADP categories in this Section (IV)(B)(1).)

2. Submission of change of information when revalidation request is pending

In Section (VI)(D), CMS clarifies that any Change of Information (COI) that occurs and is required to be submitted between now and before a SNF submits the mandatory of-cycle provider enrollment revalidation must still be submitted separately as required.

The SNF must report the following changes described in the SNF Attachment within 30 days of the change:

- 5 percent or greater direct or indirect owners of the SNF
- General or limited partners of the SNF (regardless of the percentage)
- Managing organizations or employees of the SNF (as the term “managing employee” is defined in 42 CFR § 424.502). This includes Question 16 of the Individuals section regarding medical directors and administrators.
- Corporate officers of the SNF
- Corporate directors of the SNF
- Persons with a 5 percent or greater mortgage or security interest in the SNF

All other changes to data on the SNF Attachment must be reported within 90 days of the change.

If the SNF needs to report a change to any of the above-bulleted information before it submits its revalidation application, it should submit a Form CMS-855A change of information application.

3. Submission of change of ownership application when revalidation request is pending

In Section (VI)(F)(2) that provides additional clarification on data to be reported, CMS clarifies that if any CHOW transaction is submitted on or after October 1 (not “pending” as discussed in Section (I)(B) of the sub regulatory guidance document), then the SNF provider is not required to submit a separate off-cycle provider enrollment revalidation transaction, as all the required information will already be included in the CHOW submission (see bold/italicized text):

Revalidations: This assumes no CMS-855A CHOW application is pending.

CHOW expected to occur (and CHOW application will be – but has not yet been - submitted)

before expiration of deadline to submit revalidation application – Except as stated below, the seller should submit the revalidation application as requested with information about the SNF’s current owners/managers/ADPs, etc., since it is possible the sale will not happen.

If the sale later does occur, the buyer must complete the full CMS-855A CHOW enrollment application, including the SNF Attachment.

Note that in all cases in this subsection (F)(2), if the buyer submits a CHOW application (including the SNF Attachment) before it submits its revalidation application, it need not complete the revalidation application. The SNF will be removed from the revalidation queue/cycle, and the MAC will notify the SNF.

Questions about these CMS updates or other SNF provider enrollment questions may be emailed to the [AHCA provider enrollment helpdesk](#).

Now Available: AHCA Webinar Regarding Recent CMS Surveyor Guidance Changes

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AHCA/NCAL is offering a new webinar, [Preparing for Upcoming CMS Guidance Changes: Key Updates and Action Items for Compliance](#), to provide important information about updated surveyor guidance recently released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

On November 18, 2024, CMS released [Revised Long-Term Care \(LTC\) Surveyor Guidance: Significant revisions to enhance quality and oversight of the LTC Survey Process](#). The memo included significant changes to guidance in Appendix PP related to the updated regulatory areas. The changes will be effective, and surveyors will begin surveying based on the revised

guidance, on February 24, 2025.

This webinar walks learners through each of the changes to guidance, the updates to the Critical Element Pathways, and provides some tips/action items to be compliant ahead of the effective date. It is free for AHCA/NCAL members and is \$65 for non-members.

Please send all questions to regulatory@ahca.org. Email educate@ahca.org if you need assistance with registering.

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CMS Updates Institutional Provider Enrollment Application Fee for CY 2025

All Members

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [updated](#) the application fee for certain institutional provider enrollment transactions fee to \$730. The updated fee for applications submitted from January 1 – December 31, 2025, applies to the following transactions:

- Initial enrollment in the Medicare or Medicaid programs or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP);
- Revalidating Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP enrollment; and
- Adding a new Medicare practice location.

See the [CMS Provider Enrollment Page](#) for detailed provider enrollment information.

CMP Reinvestment Program updates

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CMS released a new [Administrative Memo](#), which updates the Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Program (CMPRP) application process. CMS states it is making these changes to “simplify workflows and improve effectiveness”, both of which have been areas that AHCA has advocated to CMS for improvements. CMS states the [CMPRP website](#) will be updated with these changes.

The memo discussed three primary changes.

1. States must submit their CMPRP plans to the CMS Central Office CMPRP team by October 31st every year rather than their CMS location.
2. States will now send CMPRP applications directly to the CMS Central Office CMPRP team for review and approval rather than their CMS location.
3. CMS is discontinuing the communication technology and visitation aid category, which began during the COVID-19 pandemic. This change is effective January 1, 2025.

AHCA has a webinar for members on how to apply for CMPRP funding, the webinar can be found on [ahcancalED](#). We will continue to advocate for expanded allowances for CMPRP funding uses and keep you apprised of any further developments.

Workforce

[UPDATED] CMS Rolls Out Nursing Home Staffing Campaign, Promises 'Free' CNA Training, RN Incentives

All Members

By Amy Stulick | December 16, 2024 CMS has issued details on a national staffing campaign for the nursing home sector, aimed at increasing the number of nurses working in nursing homes and at state agencies that inspect nursing homes for compliance.

[Read more...](#)

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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.
