



NDLTCA Newsletter

January 7, 2025

All Members - *All Members*

Assisted Living - *AL*

Basic Care - *BC*

Nursing Facilities - *NF*

NDLTCA Updates

69th Legislative Session is Underway!

All Members

Join us Friday at 1 PM for our first weekly legislative recap! We'll cover key developments from each week of the session, preview the upcoming week, and share insights on the issues we're monitoring and advocating for. Learn how you can get involved and make an impact!

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 238 625 993 299

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Phone conference ID: 937 264 87#

INFORUM - [How does lawmaking work in North Dakota?](#)

Hearings this week:

01/08 1:00 PM [SB 2081](#) & [SB 2113](#) **Senate Human Services** Geropsychiatric facilities

01/09 9:00 AM [SB 2031](#) **Senate Workforce Development** Regulation of nursing services agencies



NDLTCA Caregiver of the Year

All Members

The Caregiver Award recognizes employees who go above and beyond to substantially enhance the quality of life for residents/tenants. All employees working in North Dakota long term care facilities are eligible for the award. At the NDLTCA's Annual Convention in Bismarck May 6-9, 2025, the winners will be recognized during our Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 7.

For a fillable form and more information please go our website, [North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Caregiver Award \(ndltca.org\)](https://www.ndltca.org/caregiver-award).

Nominations need to be postmarked no later than Friday, February 7, 2025

NDLTCA Volunteer of the Year Award

All Members

Do you want to thank a healthcare volunteer who changed the lives of those residents in your facility? Nominate that person, or group, for The North Dakota Long Term Care Association (NDLTCA) Volunteer of the Year! At NDLTCA's Annual Convention in Bismarck May 6-9, 2025, NDLTCA will honor volunteers who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of long-term care residents at our Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 7.

For more information and to download the form, go to our website, <https://ndltca.org/volunteer/>.

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Education

Transition to PDPM Free Webinar – February 20, 2025

NF

Join us to learn about the transition to the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) that will occur on January 1, 2026. It is crucial for **Administrators and MDS Coordinators** to understand the transition to the PDPM because it directly impacts the financial health of each facility, and the quality of care provided to residents. By investing in education and training on PDPM, Administrators and MDS Coordinators can effectively navigate this transition, benefiting both their residents and their organizations. Peggy will be sending out a Zoom meeting invite to NF Administrators but for your convenience, the link is below as well.

Please be sure to share with your staff that you would like to have attend. More education will be at our Convention in May.

No registration, click the link below at 10:50 am CST on February 20, 2025

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82118600731?pwd=hpKjbTmubbJkc6hyB3ZNZUYVORAhQP.1>

Meeting ID: 821 1860 0731

Passcode: 512029



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



Survey Smart: LTC Deficiency Trends & Solutions (Starts January 14)

NF

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. All those that register, get a recording of each of the webinars as well.

NOTE: if you only want to sign up for certain months and not the full series, you can email Peggy at peggy@ndltca.org.

Click [here](#) open up the flyer to see what the topics will be for each month.

[Register here](#)



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



Reducing Litigation Risk for SNF & AL (Starts January 21)

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. All those that register, get a recording of each of the webinars as well.

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All Members

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Veterans

President Biden Signs Law With Veterans Health Care And Benefits Package

AL

[McKnight's Senior Living](#) (1/6, Bonvissuto) reports, "A coordinated effort by the four major organizations advocating for senior living providers has resulted in a new law with a veterans health care and benefits package that in part expands access to assisted living for certain veterans." On Thursday, "President Biden signed the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Health care and Benefits Improvement Act," which "contains provisions of the Expanding Veterans' Options for Long-Term Care Act that authorizes the US Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program enabling 60 veterans to receive assisted living services via a three-year test that also would measure satisfaction with the effort." NCAL Executive Director LaShuan Bethea previously stated, "This pilot program will provide veterans with more choices in how and where they receive the long-term care they deserve, while also helping to shape future policies to address the increasing care needs of our aging veteran population."

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Acentra Health-Updated Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage (NOMNC) Forms

NF

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has renewed the Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage (NOMNC, CMS-10123), and the Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage (DENC, CMS-10124) forms.

The updated forms, including Spanish versions, are available at [FFS & MA NOMNC/DENC | CMS](#).



As of January 1, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that the updated notices be used.

Please note: Notices will not be made invalid if the previous form is used.

Action items for healthcare providers

- **Update your facility's contact information.** Be sure to [keep your information up to date](#), so you don't miss any important communication from Acentra Health. Your facility can [change the designated QIO Liaison](#) at any time by notifying Acentra Health in writing.
- **Update [physician acknowledgement statements](#) and send to Acentra Health annually.**
- **Check appeals status online.** Use Acentra Health's [Case Status tool](#) to check the status of an appeal online 24/7.

Workforce

Post a Job on Our Website

All Members

[North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Career Opportunities \(ndltca.org\)](https://www.ndltca.org/career-opportunities)

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.

