



NDLTCA Newsletter

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NDLTCA Updates



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).

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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Join us on Fridays for the Weekly Legislative Update

All Members

Join us Friday at 1 PM for our 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!

Covered in last week's legislative update call

All Members

Find these items in our members' only section of our website. [CLICK HERE](#)

- Items covered in the Legislative Update
- Recording of call
- Member Tracking List
- Bill Tracking Grid

- [Committee Hearing Schedule | North Dakota Legislative Branch](#)

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Be on the lookout for action alerts from VoterVoice and please participate. Your messages to legislators are extremely helpful!

Regulatory

CMS Revised Surveyor Guidance 2025 Webinar Series

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Presenter: Cat Selman

The revised CMS Surveyor Guidance for nursing homes, set to go into effect on **March 24, 2025**, introduces several key changes and clarifications aimed at strengthening the quality of care and resident protections in long-term care facilities. These updates align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)'s ongoing efforts to improve resident safety, dignity, and rights, and to enhance the transparency and effectiveness of nursing home oversight. Major changes and focus areas of the revised guidance include: Enhanced Residents Rights & Protections; Strengthened Infection Control & Prevention; Improving Staffing Requirements & Workforce Standards; QAPI; Resident Safety & Abuse Prevention; Cultural Competence & Person-Centered Care; Behavioral Health & Mental Health Supports; Focus on Transparency & Family Engagement; Revised Survey Process & Accountability; and Data-Driven Decision

Making. During this seminar, Cat will provide a comprehensive overview of these changes, along with practical recommendations for addressing the new challenges they present. This seminar will equip you and your staff with the knowledge and tools to navigate the updated guidance and ensure compliance, while also improving the quality of care and services provided to residents.

With staff shortages and tight budgets, many facilities simply can't afford to have professional staff out of the building—but they still need those required CE hours! That's why we're offering 12 hours of continuing education. If you've heard Cat present before, you already know her sessions are informative, practical, and engaging. Expect clear, common-sense insights—without the boredom. Plus, since this course is virtual, we can offer a special discounted rate for facility registrations. Don't miss out—take advantage of this opportunity today!

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

New Resources Available Related to Revised LTC Survey Guidance

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On November 18, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (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 take effect, and surveyors will begin using the revised guidance, on February 24, 2025.

Over the next several weeks, AHCA will release Action Briefings related to the guidance

updates. Two new action briefings have been posted to the [AHCA Survey Regulatory page](#) for review regarding [Professional Standards](#) and the [Medical Director](#). Each briefing includes an outline of significant changes made, along with action items facilities may take to achieve compliance in these areas.

Please email regulatory@ahca.org with any questions.



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