



NDLTCA Newsletter

February 11, 2025

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NDLTCA Updates



Please Welcome Belma Chpeljac to the NDLTCA Team!

All Members

We're excited to welcome Belma Chpeljac to our team as Administrative Assistant under Peggy, starting February 9th! She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree with a double major in Business Administration and Marketing from North Dakota State University.

In addition to her academic pursuits, Belma is an active member of the North Dakota Army

National Guard, where she is expected to complete her service in April 2025.

Before joining NDLTCA, Belma gained valuable experience as a bookkeeper and marketing representative at Horizon Financial Bank in Bismarck. Her diverse background in both finance and marketing bring a unique skill set to her current role.



Exciting News: 48th Annual Convention & Expo – Schedule Now Available!

All Members

We're thrilled to announce that the schedule for our 48th Annual Convention & Expo is officially complete, and it's packed with valuable sessions and expert speakers! Whether you're new to the industry or an experienced professional, there's something for everyone. With dedicated tracks for all disciplines, you're sure to find sessions that are both insightful and relevant to your work. Convention dates May 7-9.

Highlights: *On Tuesday, May 6, we have two pre-conference workshops we are offering*

1. LTC Managers Bootcamp: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., we're hosting the LTC Managers Bootcamp. This full-day event is designed to empower leaders in the long-term care field with

practical skills and knowledge. This bootcamp is included with your full convention registration. If you'd like to attend just the bootcamp, a daily fee will apply.

Topics include:

- Leadership Development and Trust Building
- Employment Law
- Rules and Survey Process 101
- HR Basics
- Peer to Manager Training

2. ServSafe Certification Course and Exam: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This class will be taught by Deborah K. Strand, RDN, LRD, EHP. There is a separate registration for this course and is not included with your convention registration.

While registration is not yet open, you can find the brochure and a list of hotels on our website at www.ndltca.org/convention. We look forward to seeing you at the Convention this year!



Cherished Hopes Basket Donations – Let's Get Involved!

All Members

This year, for the Cherished Hopes Basket donations, I would like to extend the invitation to **all** facilities to participate by donating a basket for the auction, rather than limiting it to specific regions. Our goal is to gather as many wonderful baskets as possible to raise funds for resident needs across our facilities. If you are interested in contributing a basket, please let Peggy (email: peggy@ndltca.org) or Belma (email: belma@ndltca.org) know so they can keep track of all donations. We do ask that the value of the baskets be at least \$100. The most popular theme for baskets seems to be Coffee or Wine, but there has been gardening, camping, barbecuing, NDSU, movie night, toys... the list is endless!

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to seeing the amazing baskets we can bring together!



Join us on Fridays for the Weekly NDLTCA 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](#)

[Stream hearings by clicking here](#)

Reminder on Frank Wedge Memorial

All Members

All **NDLTCA nonprofit nursing facility members** who applied **last year** for funding of **up to \$10,000** remain eligible for consideration—**no new applications will be accepted this year**. This funding is designated to enhance and improve long term care services within your facility.

We typically open an application cycle every **three years**, depending on available funding. If you submitted an application **last year** and were not awarded, your application **remains valid** and will be included in this year's selection process.

Key Dates:

- **Late April:** U.S. Bank will inform us of available funding.
- **Early May:** The Resident Issues Committee will meet to draw applications, and we will notify members of the results.

Stay tuned for updates—we appreciate your commitment to improving long-term care!

Education

ICD-10-CM Coding for Post-Acute Care: Two-Day In-Person Course

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Join us for a comprehensive 2-day in-person course on ICD-10-CM Coding for Post-Acute Care. This training focuses on the diagnoses frequently encountered in post-acute care residents. Accurate ICD-10-CM coding is essential for Medicare payment under PDPM, making precise coding in each resident's medical record a vital task.

When: March 18 & 19, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Where: Holiday Inn, [3803 13th Ave S, Fargo](#)

Room Block: To reserve a room, please call 701-282-2700 and mention you're booking under the ND Long Term Care Meeting Block. The room block cutoff date is February 24th.

To learn more and register, [click here](#)

Prepare for Upcoming CMS Guidance Changes: Key Updates and Compliance Action Items

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AHCA/NCAL is offering a free on-demand webinar designed to help members navigate the upcoming CMS Guidance Changes. This informative session will guide you through each of the key changes to the guidance, updates to the Critical Element Pathways (CEP), and provide practical tips and action items to ensure compliance ahead of the effective date.

The webinar also includes downloadable presentation slides for easy reference.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Reminder: 2025 Proactive Webinar Series – Sign Up Now!

All Members

We're excited to remind you about our two 12-month webinar series happening throughout 2025! In response to popular demand, we've added the flexibility to sign up for individual months, so you can select the topics that matter most to you without committing to the full series. To view the upcoming topics for each month, simply visit the flyers on our website at www.ndltca.org/education.

Don't miss out on this convenient way to stay updated and engaged throughout the year!

Nursing Facility Database Presentation with Brad DeJong with Eide Bailly

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Thank you to those who were able to join us for Brad Dejong's presentation on the nursing facility database! If you missed it, members can access it here: [North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Recordings](#)

Workforce

Updates and Resources

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- [State Strategies to Revitalize the Long-Term Care Workforce](#) – handout available
- LTC Workforce Webinar Series - [Building Employee Resiliency through Person-Centered Approaches](#)
- [Bipartisan Healthcare Workforce Bill Re-Introduced](#)
- [Update on Temporary Protected Status for Venezuela](#)
- [Providers Turning To Refugee Workers To Bolster Staff Amid Questions Over Immigration Orders](#)

Medicaid

ND Medicaid Provider Update: IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

NF and BC

The State of North Dakota is receiving a large volume of returned 1099 tax forms due to incorrect addresses.

For your reference, your agency's 1099 is sent to the billing address on file in the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

To update address information in MMIS, the following forms must be completed:

- [Provider Enrollment Coversheet](#)
- [SFN 1299](#) - Group Address Update

Please submit the completed forms to Noridian at NDMedicaidEnrollment@Noridian.com.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you to our Bronze Sponsor!



What Will Drive Health Care Life Sciences Industry: CLA

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Health care and life sciences (HCLS) face a set of interconnected issues leading to four key drivers of activity in 2025. Explore how these drivers might play out — specifically in senior living and care, hospitals and health systems, physicians and dental practices, and life sciences — to help prepare your organization for market fluctuations, digital transformation, and strategic growth.

[Read more...](#)



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