



NDLTCA Newsletter

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NDLTCA Updates



Join us on Fridays for the Weekly NDLTCA Legislative Update

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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

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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](#)

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 sent 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 Required, 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

A promotional banner for Healthcare Academy. On the left, the Healthcare Academy logo is at the top, followed by the text "Remove the hurdles of required learning". Below this is the word "INTRODUCING" followed by a dotted line. In the center is a large red checkmark graphic with the text "KNOWLEDGE CHECK" below it. On the right, there is a circular graphic with the numbers "2" and "7" and the word "to" in between, with the text "MINUTE COURSES" below it. At the bottom right is a white button with the text "Learn More".

New FREE Knowledge Now course: Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Just Released by our Bronze Sponsor, Healthcare Academy

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We've added to our collection of fast, focused courses designed to address urgent industry topics.

Just Released:

- Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

- Use this in conjunction to training staff on your facility specific policies and procedures to demonstrate compliance

Also available:

- Outbreak Management: COVID, Influenza, and RSV
- Outbreak Management: Norovirus

Access these **FREE** courses [here](#):

HCA subscribers, contact your administrator for complimentary access.

We value your feedback! Please [email us](#) your Knowledge Now suggestions for consideration.

[Learn more about Healthcare Academy](#)

Workforce

IMMIGRATION ESSENTIALS FOR EMPLOYERS

WEDNESDAY | 10:00 am -
FEBRUARY 19 | 11:30 am CST

Join us for a live presentation discussing the various types of employment-based visas (including H-1B, TN, and L-1s) and paths to permanent residency ("green card").

The presentation will be shared by John Medeiros, an immigration attorney with over 30 years of experience in employment-based immigration law.

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Regulatory

Money on the Table: Common Mistakes Cost Nursing Homes PDPM Reimbursement

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[Skilled Nursing News](#) (2/10, Stulick) reported "with overlooked reimbursement opportunities in the Payment-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) relatively common, nursing home operators can start to improve by focusing on some key areas where money is commonly left on the table..."

Step #1 for Improving Your 5-Star Score is Understanding How CMS Calculates Ratings

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In December 2008, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) enhanced its [Nursing Home Compare](#) public reporting site to include a set of quality ratings for each nursing home that participates in Medicare or Medicaid. The ratings take the form of several "star" ratings for each nursing home. The goal of this rating system is to provide residents and their families with an easy way to understand assessment of nursing home quality and make meaningful distinctions between high and low performing nursing homes.

ahcancaLED offers a comprehensive training for nursing facility administrators and nurse leaders, titled [The Five-Star Quality Rating System](#). This education program reviews the methodology for the overall Five-Star Quality Rating System, along with each of the separate domains for health inspections, staffing, and quality measures.

Individuals will need to login to [ahcancaLED](#) with their AHCA/NCAL usernames and passwords to [register](#). For assistance obtaining usernames and passwords, members should e-

mail educate@ahca.org with their name and facility contact information. For questions regarding the Five-Star rating system, members should email regulatory@ahca.org.

In the News

Nursing Home Leaders Hope New HHS Secretary Will Commit To Protecting Medicare, Medicaid

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[Skilled Nursing News](#) (2/14, Stulick) reported "nursing home leaders are hoping that" HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "will commit to protecting Medicare and Medicaid and undoing the federal staffing mandate." Republican legislators "are pushing for potential Medicaid cuts in their spending bill due to be finalized in April." During his confirmation hearing, "Kennedy said he wasn't planning on 'dismantling' the program." Additionally, "Kennedy raised concerns over the practicality of the nursing home staffing mandate, highlighting the link between the mandate and access to care, especially in rural communities." AHCA/NCAL "President and CEO Clif Porter said he believes Kennedy will protect Medicaid and Medicare for long-term care." Porter said, "[W]e want to thank Secretary Kennedy for his commitment to protecting Medicare and Medicaid – programs that the majority of our residents rely on to cover their daily care. ... Proper federal resources and policies can help us strengthen the care being delivered and support those who deliver it."

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