



NDLTCA Newsletter

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NDLTCA Updates



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](#)

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NDLTCA's PDPM Transition Webinar Recording Now Available

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If you missed the PDPM Transition webinar on February 20 or would like to review the content again, you can watch the full recording here: [PDPM Transition Webinar](#).

Assisted Living Provider Resources

AL and BC

Explore a valuable resource for assisted living providers at AHCANCAL's Provider Resources page. Whether you're looking for the latest regulatory updates, best practices, or tools to enhance daily operations, this website is designed to support and empower your facility. Visit [AHCANCAL Provider Resources](#) to discover more and stay ahead in the industry.

Education

AHCA Nursing Home Administration Webinar Series

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The Nursing Home Administration webinar series delivers a comprehensive review of key topics that affect how successfully administrators operate skilled nursing facilities. The modules relate to all aspects of facility management including financial, clinical, regulatory, and leadership.

Under each of these overarching topics, are detailed webinars and resources that review important topics including:

- Payers;
- Revenue cycle management;
- PDPM;
- CMS 5-star quality measures;
- The history of long-term care regulations;
- How statutes, regulations, and guidance differ;
- Leadership and team building;
- Survey preparation; and,
- Post-survey actions, including writing plans of correction and QAPI.

This series builds upon training and education administrators received in their Administrator in Training programs and clarifies the rationale behind the actions nursing facility administrators should take each day to effectively manage their facilities. DONs will also gain valuable knowledge from this webinar series to help them successfully manage clinical operations.

Certificate of Completion: 21.5 continuing education hours (CEs) from the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB)

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Emergency Preparedness

APPLY NOW: NDLTCA Emergency Operations Plan Comprehensive Review Program – February 18, 2025

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The North Dakota Long Term Care Association (NDLTCA) has a new Emergency Operations Plan Comprehensive Review Program available **FREE** to you. This program is made possible through funding from a UND Centers for Rural Health grant and the NDLTCA HPP grant. There is no cost to your facility. Applications will be accepted to participate in this project. **There is a limited amount of dollars available for this project so the sooner you submit your application the better. The initial application deadline is March 18th.** All expenses will be covered by the grant. The grant project is being managed by the ND Long Term Care Association, and the site visits are being conducted by Heartland Consulting Group from Bismarck. This is not a survey, and there will be no Pass or Fail notations. This team is provided as a service to your facility to help you better understand and comply with current regulations and better prepare for emergency preparedness issues. To read more about the program, click [here](#).

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Regulatory

New Surveyor Guidance To Impact Transitions In Nursing Home Care

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[Skilled Nursing News](#) (2/24, Stulick) reports, "Transitions in nursing home care will be heavily impacted by upcoming surveyor guidance, but operators can prepare by being realistic about admissions, while also

cleaning up any gaps in the discharge process." Given that "much of the surveyor guidance – due to go into effect on March 24 – ties into transitions in care," it is "more important than ever to ensure that the residents admitted are able to be taken care of, since it's getting harder to transfer them out of the care setting, said Michelle Stuercke, chief clinical officer for Transitional Care Management," at Skilled Nursing News' Clinical event.

Nine CMS F-Tags Contain Trauma-Informed Care Mandates

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It is crucial that staff in long term care facilities are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to provide Trauma-Informed Care (TIC). This certificate program educates facility leaders on how to implement TIC with staff who are trained to provide competent care for residents at risk for re-traumatization.

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Five-Star Impact of Unfreezing 4 QMs

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The impact summary of January 2025 Care Compare was released last week. This delayed release included the unfreezing of 4 of the 15 quality measures (QMs). 4 QMs frozen: Functional Improvement (Short-stay), ADL (Long-Stay), Worsening Mobility (Long-Stay), Pressure Ulcer (Long-Stay). Staffing HPRD measures frozen for 1 quarter, skipping 2023q4 PBJ data.

Nationally, the impact was minimal. 70% saw no change to their Overall ratings. There was a decrease in

average Quality rating from 3.41 to 3.34. 28% of centers had their Quality rating decrease, while 23% had an increase and 49% had no change.

Understand How CMS Calculates Your Five Star Rating

Change in Five-Star Ratings

December 2024  January 2025
 Prior Rating Current Rating

Five Star Measure

- Select all
- Overall
- Quality
- Staffing
- Survey

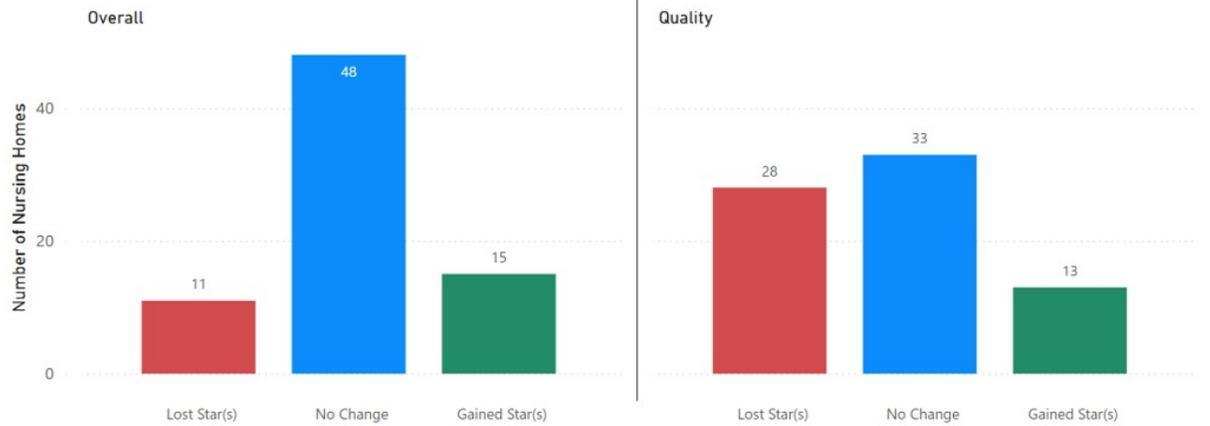
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On Feb 11, 2025, CMS released Jan 2025 ratings. Four quality measures were unfrozen and re-specified to use Section GG of the MDS.

Data here shows the change in ratings from Dec 2024 to Jan 2025.

Star Rating Change by Measure



Five Star Change	-4		-3		-2		-1		0		1		2		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Overall	1	1.4%	1	1.4%	2	2.7%	7	9.5%	48	64.9%	15	20.3%	74	100.0%		
Quality			2	2.7%	6	8.1%	20	27.0%	33	44.6%	7	9.5%	6	8.1%	74	100.0%

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Train More Nurses Act Re-Introduced in the U.S. Senate

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On February 12, 2025, U.S. Senators Jacky Rosen (D-NV) and Susan Collins (R-ME) re-introduced the *Train More Nurses Act* in the 119th Congress. This bipartisan bill, which AHCA/NCAL supports, directs

the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a review of all nursing grant programs to find ways to increase faculty at nursing schools, particularly in underserved areas. It also increases pathways for Licensed Practical Nurses to become Registered Nurses. Press statements from [Sen. Collins](#) and [Sen. Rosen](#) are available.



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