



NDLTCA Newsletter

March 11, 2025

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Happy National Long Term Care Administrators Week!

NDLTCA Updates

15 Rising Star winners announced for McKnight's Women of Distinction class of 2025

All Members

[McKnights Senior Living](#) (2/25 2025, Bowers) Fifteen women working in skilled nursing, senior living or home care are being announced today as Rising Stars and will be feted May 13 as part of the seventh annual McKnight's Women of Distinction awards.

"These women made an impression on the judges due to the impact they have been able to make so early in their long-term care careers," said McKnight's Editorial Director, Vice President and Associate Publisher John O'Connor. "We're excited to be able to call deserved attention to their contributions, and we look forward to honoring these Rising Stars in person." [Read more...](#)

Introducing Our Rising Star - Tonie Stoen

We are thrilled to announce that one of these fine women is our very own Tonie Stoen from SMP Health - Ave Maria in Jamestown! CONGRATULATIONS TONIE!!!*





11th Annual Fun Run for Nurse Scholarships Registration Open

All Members

Please join us for the 11th Annual Fun Run for Nurse Scholarships! This 5K walk/run will raise funds to be distributed in the form of scholarships for future nurses in NDLTCA member facilities.

When: Thursday May 8th, 2025, at 5:30pm

Where: Sertoma Park, Bismarck ND

Registration Form can be found here: [North Dakota Long Term Care Association | 48th Annual Convention & Expo](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

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](#)

48th Annual Convention & Expo – Early Bird Deadline is March 31

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.
- 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.

You can find the registration link, convention brochure, and the LTC Managers Bootcamp agenda 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, it is Region 1 (Williston) and Region 6 (Fargo) turn for donations but I would like to extend the invitation to **all** facilities to participate by donating a basket for the auction. 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!

Thank you to our Gold Sponsor!



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Education

ICD-10 Training – Don't Miss Out!

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When: March 18 & 19

Where: Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

Join us for a comprehensive **2-day ICD-10-CM Coding for Post-Acute Care** course. This training will focus on the common diagnoses seen in post-acute care residents and ensure you have the skills to code accurately. Accurate ICD-10-CM coding is essential for Medicare payment under PDP, and coding each resident's diagnosis with precision is vital to ensure

proper reimbursement and compliance.

Why Attend?

- Master ICD-10-CM coding specific to post-acute care.
- Improve accuracy to meet Medicare's PDPM requirements.
- Stay up to date with industry best practices.

Don't miss the chance to enhance your coding expertise!

For more details and to register, visit our [event page](#).

The Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) posted the [updated ICD-10-CM code files](#) to address revisions to the *ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting* and other typographical errors. These updates are effective April 1, 2025. The CDC has announced there are no new ICD-10-CM codes effective April 1, 2025.

New FREE Knowledge Now course: Avian Influenza (H5N1-Birdflu) Just Released by Healthcare Academy

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

Just Released:

- Avian Influenza (H5N1-Birdflu)

Also available:

- 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
- 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](#)

Person-Centered Dementia Care: Recommendations for Professionals

All Members

When: March 25 & 26

MUST ATTEND BOTH DATES TO RECEIVE QUIZ

Where: Virtual, [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Presented by the ND Dementia Care Services Program

Regulatory



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F689 — Accidents is the second most frequent citation, and CMS regulations require that nursing facilities be as free of accident hazards as possible.

This affordable training reviews the requirements covering accidents such as falls, physical plant risks, smoking, and elopements.

This **one-hour** course:

- Outlines the regulations related to supervision and prevention of accidents.
- Provides resources for the development of policies necessary to remain compliant with accident regulations.

Reviews real-life case studies with explanations for what facilities should do if similar events occur.

<h2>CE Credits</h2>	<h2>Pricing</h2>
Approved for: 1.25 NAB approved CEs and 1 Contact hour through the Iowa Board of Nursing.	\$40 - AHCA/NCAL Members \$80 - Non-members One-year unlimited facility subscriptions without CEs cost \$100 and are available to AHCA member facilities only. This option is ideal for group inservice trainings, or multiple individual trainings for one full year.
<h2>Questions?</h2> <p>Email: educate@ahcancal.org</p>	

AHCA/NCAL Updates

Advocacy - AHCA Releases 2025 Policy Priorities For A Better Way

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AHCA has unveiled its 2025 policy priorities, "The Better Way," encouraging the Trump Administration and Congress to work with nursing homes to protect access to care and prepare for a growing elderly population. [Read More](#)

Workforce - AHCA/NCAL Supports I CAN Act

All Members

AHCA/NCAL supports the *Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN)* Act, which would increase access to care. [Read More](#)

Thank you to our Bronze Sponsor!



It's Long-Term Care Administrators Week and Healthcare Academy is celebrating leaders!

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It's Long-Term Care Administrators Week and Healthcare Academy is celebrating the leaders whose dedication and compassion make a lasting impact!

Join HCA in recognizing these outstanding administrators by nominating them for a **team pizza**

party!

Share their story—one of exceptional leadership and commitment to quality care. Your nomination is a meaningful way to honor their hard work and the difference they make every day. They might just be the lucky recipient of this special celebration!

Submit your nominations* here: <https://healthcareacademy.com/recognition/>

Nominations are open through Friday, March 14th. Winners will be contacted during the week of March 24th.



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