



NDLTCA Newsletter

March 25, 2025

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NDLTCA Updates

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!



Reminder: Early Bird Registration Ends Monday, March 31 for the 48th Annual Convention & Expo!

All Members

Time is running out to take advantage of early bird pricing for our **48th Annual Convention and Expo!** Early bird registration ends **Monday, March 31**—so don't wait to secure your spot at a discounted rate.

We're thrilled to have **Kim Becking** as our closing keynote speaker. She's created a special video to give you a sneak peek into her session and why you won't want to miss it. Watch her video here:

 [Watch Kim Becking's Video](#)

Be sure to register today and join us for an incredible event full of learning, networking, and inspiration. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Register Now Before the Early Bird Deadline on March 31!](#)

Welcome Our New NDLTCA Sponsors: Prairie Travelers, Vikor Scientific, & Sanford Health/Good Samaritan Society!

All Members

We are excited to welcome three fantastic organizations as our newest NDLTCA Sponsors:

- [Sanford Health/Good Samaritan Society](#) (Platinum Sponsor): Providing exceptional Hospice Care and Home Health Care services, Sanford Health/Good Samaritan Society

is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families across our communities with compassionate, personalized care.

- [Prairie Travelers](#) (**Bronze Sponsor**): Specializing in providing highly skilled RN, LPN, CNA, and Medication Aide travel nurses to healthcare facilities across Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota, Prairie Travelers offers flexible staffing solutions to meet the unique needs of healthcare providers in the region.
- [Vikor Scientific](#) (**Bronze Sponsor**): Committed to excellence, Vikor Scientific delivers world-class service and expertise in Molecular Diagnostics and Anatomical Pathology. Their high-quality diagnostic services support healthcare professionals in providing precise and timely care to their patients.

Please join us in thanking Sanford Health/Good Samaritan Society, Prairie Travelers, and Vikor Scientific for their generous support of NDLTCA. We are proud to partner with these organizations in advancing the quality of healthcare in our region!

Be sure to stop by their booth at the expo and thank them, along with all of our sponsors, for their unwavering support and dedication to advancing quality healthcare in our communities!

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](#)

Education

Grow Your RNs' Gerontological Expertise – AHCA/NCAL Gero Nurse Prep Spring Sale!

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Take advantage of the **Gero Nurse Prep Spring Sale** through AHCA/NCAL and save \$200 on the course through May 15, 2025, with promo code **GROWRNS!** This course enhances RNs' competency in gerontological nursing, with proven benefits for nursing facilities, including lower rehospitalization rates and higher CMS star ratings.

Designed for RNs in long-term care, the Gero Nurse Prep course prepares nurses for ANCC

Board certification, with a 94% first-time pass rate. Even if RNs don't pursue certification, they'll see an average 24% increase in test scores after completing the course.

Don't miss out—visit geronurseprep.com for more information and to register! Remember, as a NDLTCA members, you are also a AHCA/NCAL member.

Redefining Memory Loss Conference

All Members

This year's conference hosted by Memory Cafe is for community members, individuals living with memory loss, caregivers and professionals. There will be keynote and breakout sessions offered.

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

8:00-4:30

Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

[Register here](#)

Regulatory

ESRD Bundled Payment Updates

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CMS last year issued a final rule updating payment rates and policies under the End-Stage Renal Disease PPS for renal dialysis services. After years of delay, oral renal dialysis drugs are now included in the ESRD PPS bundled payment. [Read More](#)

AHCA/NCAL Updates



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The healthcare policy landscape is evolving rapidly. Now is a critical time to ensure lawmakers fully understand the challenges you face in delivering quality care. More than ever, it's essential that Members of Congress fully grasp the daily demands you face and the critical role you play as a caregiver in long term and post acute care.

Join us in Washington, DC this June 9th and 10th for a unique opportunity to personally connect with elected Members of Congress. With the support and guidance of AHCA/NCAL, you will be equipped with the tools and resources you need to effectively advocate for policies that directly impact our industry.

In addition to gaining valuable insights into the latest legislative and policy developments, you'll have the opportunity to network with your colleagues, hear from prominent speakers, and earn

Continuing Education credits. Don't miss your chance to make your voice heard—[register for Congressional Briefing today](#) and make plans to join us in Washington in June!

AHCA/NCAL Submits Comments on Telehealth Prescribing Registration Requirements Proposed Rule

All Members

AHCA/NCAL opposes the DEA's proposed telehealth registration rule for controlled substance prescribing, urging collaboration to ensure patient access. [Read More](#)

AHCA/NCAL Submits Comments on HIPAA Cybersecurity Proposed Rule

All Members

AHCA/NCAL submitted comments on the proposed HIPAA Security Rule, opposing it and urging an alternative compliance approach. [Read More](#)

Workforce

Why Registered Apprenticeship? How It CAN Help Build Your LTC Workforce.

All Members

Join Erin Hart from the Ohio Healthcare Association and Robert Vande Merwe from the Idaho Healthcare Association as they share information, tips, and resources about Registered Apprenticeship Programs. [Read More](#)

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Thank you both for your continued support and sponsorship!



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