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# NDLTCA Newsletter

## March 5, 2025

**All Members - *All Members***

**Assisted Living - *AL***

**Basic Care - *BC***

**Nursing Facilities - *NF***

# NDLTCA Updates



## Distinguished Service Award

### *All Members*

On behalf of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association (NDLTCA) and its Board of Directors, we are honored to announce that **Daniel Kelly** is this year's recipient of the **Distinguished Service Award**. This award recognizes Dan's outstanding dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to advancing the mission and values of the NDLTCA. Since its inception in 1977, only 37 individuals have been bestowed with this prestigious recognition. We are thrilled to add Daniel Kelly to this esteemed list, celebrating his significant

contributions to our association and the long-term care community in North Dakota. Please join us in congratulating Dan on this well-deserved honor!

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## Caregiver of the Year

### *All Members*

We are pleased to announce the 2025 Caregiver Winners. This year NDLTCA received over 977 nominations with 612 nominees from across North Dakota. We had a lot of heartwarming nominations which made the selection process difficult but very rewarding. The panel of Caregiver Judges this year were Karla Backman, Barb Fischer, Bev Herman, Jenifer Lauckner, Shelly Peterson and Greg Salwei.

### **Congratulations to the 2025 winners:**

Andrew Nelson, SMP Health, St. Raphael, Valley City

Chris Lunde, SMP Health, Ave Maria, Jamestown

Chhatra Khaling, Fargo Elim, Fargo

Sherri Decker, Park Ave Villa, Dickinson

From all of us at the Association, Congratulations to this year's Caregiver of the Year Winners!

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## Volunteer of the Year

### *All Members*

Thank you to those of you who sent in a submission for the Volunteer of the Year Award. There were many wonderful nominations which made the selection process very difficult! NDLTCA is

very proud of the special people who volunteer and dedicate their time to the residents of our nursing homes. On behalf of NDLTCA, I would like to announce the winners of this year's Volunteer of the Year Award in the three categories:

**Congratulations to the 2025 Winners:**

**Young Adult:** Lauryn Bladow, St. Gerard's Community of Care, Hankinson

**Adult:** Sarah Williams, Bethany Retirement Living, Fargo

**Group:** Dakota Prairie Elementary, Nelson County Health, McVile

From all of us at the Association, Congratulations to this year's Volunteer of the Year Winners!

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## 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!

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## 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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## Education

### Changing Behaviors from a Rolling Boil to a Simmer: De-escalation Strategies to Defuse Difficult Situations

*NF*

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

2-3 p.m. ET

1.0 ACCME & 1.0 NAB credits will be offered.

This training will outline factors that contribute to escalating behaviors and strategies to safely defuse situations. In addition, we will discuss how staff behaviors and communication styles can affect desired outcomes.

[Register here](#)

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## Medicaid

### ND Medicaid Provider Newsletter - March 2025

*All Members*

Includes great articles regarding our members as well as important updates. [READ MORE](#)

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## AHCA/NCAL Updates

### Just The Facts: Medicaid is a Critical Component of the LTC System

*All Members*

AHCA/NCAL is urging lawmakers to protect Medicaid from potential cuts, as it is the primary coverage source for many LTC residents. [READ MORE](#)

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### AHCA/NCAL Supports Coalition Efforts to Extend Telehealth Flexibilities

*All Members*

AHCA/NCAL was among 350 organizations that recently submitted a letter to Congressional leadership seeking legislation to ensure various telehealth flexibilities. [READ MORE](#)

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