



NDLTCA Newsletter

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NDLTCA Updates



Walk or Run – Celebrate Nurses and Support Their Future!

Join the Fun Run for Nurse Scholarships

All Members

Lace up your shoes and join us for a great cause! The Fun Run for Nurse Scholarships is your chance to walk or run in honor of the incredible nurses who make long term care what it is—and to help fund the next generation of caregivers.

Whether you're in it for the exercise or the celebration, every step you take supports scholarships for students pursuing nursing careers in long term care.

Honor your nurses. Celebrate your team. Invest in the future.

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](#)

Questions? Contact Belma at belma@ndltca.org

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

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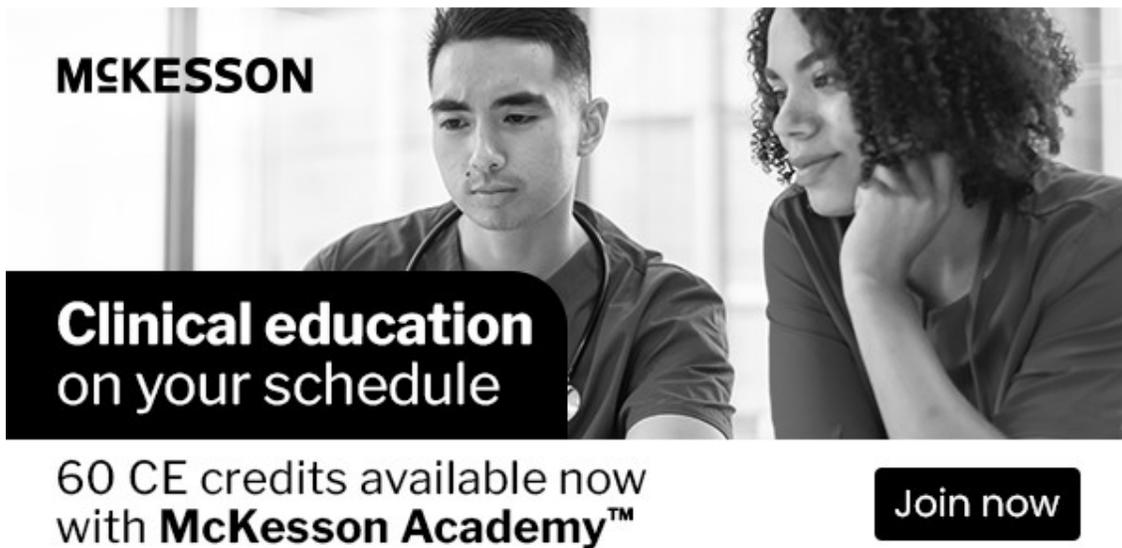
Find these items in our members' only section of our website. [CLICK HERE](#)

- Items covered in the Legislative Update
- Recording of call
- Member Tracking List
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Assisted Living

BE READY FOR ANYTHING

NEW Assisted Living Emergency Preparedness and Procedure Manual

AL

Published by the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL), this fully customizable digital resource helps you develop a strong, site-specific emergency response plan tailored to your community.

AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE DOWNLOAD, THE MANUAL INCLUDES:

- Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) designed for assisted living settings
- Comprehensive Emergency Management and Recovery Plans
- Detailed Event-Specific Protocols
- Customizable forms, checklists, and more

You'll also receive a **premium 3-ring binder and pre-punched tabs** for organizing your manual—making it easy to access the tools you need, when you need them.

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Workforce

Upcoming Opportunity: Virtual Job Fair- Hiring International Students on OPT

All Members

Hire Local, Think Global

The North Dakota Office of Global Talent, in collaboration with Job Service North Dakota, is co-hosting a job fair on **May 1, 2025**, designed to connect international students with employers who are eager to hire global talent. This event provides a direct opportunity for businesses to meet with skilled candidates ready to contribute to North Dakota's workforce. Employers interested in participating can register here: [ND Global Talent Connect- Virtual Job Fair for International Students](#)

With graduation season upon us, now is the perfect time for North Dakota employers to tap into a highly skilled talent pool—international students on Optional Practical Training (OPT). These graduates, many of whom have earned advanced degrees from U.S. universities, are eager to gain work experience and contribute to businesses across the state.

Why Hire International Students on OPT?

Each year, North Dakota welcomes approximately 2,000 international students within our university system —joining hundreds of thousands more studying throughout the United States.

OPT allows international students to work in the U.S. for up to 12 months after graduation, with an additional 24-month extension available for those in STEM fields. This provides North Dakota employers with a unique opportunity to fill critical roles with qualified candidates who are already in the country, reducing relocation challenges and visa processing delays.

Benefits for Employers:

- **Access to Skilled Talent** – Many international graduates have expertise in high-demand fields such as engineering, technology, healthcare, and manufacturing.

- **Simplified Hiring Process** – Unlike traditional work visas, OPT does not require employer sponsorship, making it an easy and cost-effective way to onboard global talent.
- **Long-Term Workforce Solutions** – Hiring international students on OPT can serve as a pipeline for future H-1B sponsorship, helping employers retain top talent beyond the OPT period.

Want to learn more about hiring OPT Eligible International Students? Visit our [website](#) today!

Legislative News

House bill 1619 would create loans for renovation, construction of long-term care buildings

NF and BC

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - Many long-term care facilities across North Dakota are decades old and in need of a new look. One House bill would have the state provide loan funding towards some planned projects... [Check out the story here...](#)

SB 2271

All Members

We're excited to share that **SB 2271 passed out of conference committee yesterday** and is now headed to the full Senate for final passage—and hopefully, the Governor's signature.

We wanted to provide an update for our **basic care, adult residential, and assisted living members** so you can better understand how this legislation may impact your facility. For basic care members, some of this may sound familiar, but we felt it was important that **all providers across these service levels have access to the full picture**. See attached for the last version.

Here's what SB 2271 does:

- It directs the Department to **recognize the actual cost of care** for adult residential/specialized basic care facilities in 2026 and **recalculate payment rates accordingly in 2027**.
- It includes **critical language to address ongoing challenges** in the basic care payment system—something legislators acknowledged had not been sufficiently studied.
- It also contains **language** added by the Department and one of the Senators, encouraging a review of licensure structures for assisted living, basic care, and adult residential. Thanks to our advocacy, this language is now **more balanced and workable**.

To everyone who answered action alerts, submitted testimony, or showed up at hearings—thank you. Your voices made a real difference.

Congratulations to all on a job well done!



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