



NDLTCA Newsletter

May 20, 2025

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Matt Ahrndt - Selected as Future Leader in Long Term and Post-Acute Care by AHCA/NCAL

All Members

Congratulations Matt Ahrndt!

Matt's dedication to advancing quality in long term care is truly inspiring. We're proud to see him representing North Dakota in this prestigious program — a well-deserved recognition of his leadership and commitment to the field.



NDLTCA Education Updates



Save the Date: 2025 Summer Administrators Conference

All Members

We're excited to announce the **2025 Summer Administrators Conference**, happening **July 22–25, 2025** in beautiful **Walker, MN** at **Chase on the Lake**.

Join us for four days of connection, leadership development, and inspiration in a stunning lakeside setting. Whether you're returning or attending for the first time, this is a can't-miss event for long term care professionals.

 **Dates:** July 22–25, 2025

 **Location:** Chase on the Lake, Walker, MN

 **More details to come!** Visit ndltca.org/events/administrators-conference to stay up to date. Schedule is coming together and will be posted on the website along with a link to registration once available.

Mark your calendar now – we can't wait to see you there!

2025 Proactive Webinar Series – Join Anytime!

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Our **two 12-month webinar series** are well underway for 2025 — and there's still time to join in! Whether you're looking to participate in the full series or just a few select topics, we've made it easy to stay involved.

- ◆ **Flexible Enrollment** – Sign up month-by-month based on the topics that interest you most.
- ◆ **Timely, Relevant Content** – Stay current with industry trends, compliance updates, and professional development.
- ◆ **Convenient Access** – Join from wherever you are!

 View monthly topics and details on our website: www.ndltca.org/education

✉ To register for specific months, contact **Belma** at belma@ndltca.org

Stay engaged, informed, and proactive all year long!

Help Shape the 2025 Fall Conference Educational Lineup!

All Members

We're beginning to plan the educational sessions for our **2025 Fall Conferences**, scheduled for **September 22–25, 2025** at the **Holiday Inn in Fargo**, and we want to hear from **you!**

Your input is vital in helping us create a relevant, engaging, and impactful educational track that addresses the real challenges and opportunities facing our members today.

👉 **What topics would you like to see covered?**

👉 **Are there specific speakers or subject areas that would benefit you or your team?**

Please send your ideas or suggestions to **Peggy** at peggy@ndltca.org. The sooner we hear from you, the better we can tailor the conference experience to your needs!

Let's build something great together—**we appreciate your feedback!**

NDLTCA Board Update

NDLTCA to Expand Membership to Include Home Care Providers

All Members

Greetings,

I'm writing to share that, after thoughtful discussion and deliberation, the NDLTCA Board has made the decision to begin putting the pieces in place to expand our membership to include home care providers.

This decision reflects a few key realities:

- Many of our current members are expanding their services to include home care.
- The home care community has actively requested our consideration.
- Most importantly, there's an undeniable shift in how care is being delivered—more people want to receive care in their own homes, and the state is working to create more access to meet that goal.

We believe this expansion will add value to our members, strengthen our representation of the full continuum of care, and increase our ability to engage meaningfully with legislators and DHHS on behalf of all providers. If you have questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to reach out to either [myself](#) or [Nikki](#).

Thank you,

Amy Kreidt

ND HHS Update

Pat Traynor - Interim Commissioner of HHS

All Members

Press release from HHS Friday, May 16, 2025 - 12:30 pm

BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Kelly Armstrong today announced the appointment of Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF) Executive Director J. Patrick “Pat” Traynor to serve as interim commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), effective June 2.

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Regulatory

CMS Moving ‘Full Steam’ On Value-Based Care, But Nursing Homes Could Be Impacted By Payment Neutrality Push

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SKILLED NURSING NEWS By [Zahida Siddiqi](#) | May 13, 2025

The new direction of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) renews focus on harmonizing payments across care settings – a shift that could impact nursing home profits – even as the federal agency’s commitment to advancing value-based care (VBC) remains strong.

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CMS Surveyors Begin Using Updated Guidance

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released [QSO-25-14-NH](#) in March, which included significant updates for surveyor guidance to several regulatory areas effective April 28, 2025. The memo updated the previously released memos from November 18, 2024, and January 15, 2025.

CMS has released additional updated resources, including updated Critical Element Pathways (CEP) within the [surveyor resources folder](#). CMS has not yet released a final version of Appendix PP, and providers should refer to the advanced copy from the [QSO memo](#).

AHCA previously released a webinar titled, *Preparing for Upcoming CMS Guidance Changes: Key Updates and Action Items for Compliance*, which is available on [ahcancaLED](#). Additionally, action tools for reach regulation are available where guidance was updated on the [AHCA Survey Regulatory Page](#). Please email regulatory@ahca.org with any questions.

[‘Airtight Documentation’ Matters: Inside Upcoming Nursing Home Survey Changes Taking Effect April 28](#)

AHCA Resources



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The Ultimate Resource and Boot Camp Covering MDS Essentials for Nurses, Administrators, Social Workers, and the Entire MDS Team to Improve Accuracy and Efficiency!

USE THIS PROGRAM FOR:

- MDS Nurse Training
- Performance Improvement
- Continuing Education
- MDS Team Orientation

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- The role of the Resident Assessment Instrument in nursing facilities.
- The process for completing the MDS.
- How to complete an MDS assessment.

This dynamic program keeps staff current with periodic updates incorporating annual and intermittent changes to the RAI Manual!

[Check it out here!](#)

Assisted Living

The Future of Assisted Living: Providers Rethink What is Possible for a New Era

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June 17, 2025

12 pm MT / 1 pm CT

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Assisted living is changing. Acuity is on the rise, technology is advancing, new payment models continue to gain traction, and competitive dynamics are changing as nursing homes close and at-home care expands.

Hear how leading providers are rethinking standard practices to address thorny challenges and pursue innovation.

NCAL Endorses Caring for Seniors Act

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The Caring for Seniors Act aims to bolster the senior living workspace by investing in workforce development programs focused on meeting the needs of older adults.

[Read more...](#)

‘Ageless Adventure’ Revealed as Theme for National Assisted Living Week 2025

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The National Center for Assisted Living has revealed Ageless Adventure as this year’s theme for National Assisted Living Week®. The annual, national observance, held Sept. 7-13, 2025, provides a unique opportunity for residents, their loved ones, staff, volunteers, and local communities to celebrate the individuals who live and work in assisted living and to learn more about this sector of long term care.

[Read more...](#)

Workforce

NDLTCA Website: Keep Your Job Listings Up to Date!

All Members

Are your job postings current?

We’re encouraging all members to take a few moments to review the job postings listed on our website:

 [NDLTCA Job Openings](#)

If any of the positions you’ve posted are no longer open or need to be updated, please let us know so we can make the necessary changes. Keeping this page current helps job seekers find the right opportunities—and ensures your organization stays visible to top talent.

Have a new job to share?

We’d love to include it! Simply send us the following:

- The job title and description
- Any important details (e.g., location, application deadline)
- A link to the job posting on your organization's website

You can send updates or new listings to Belma at belma@ndltca.org

Thank you for helping us keep our job board accurate and helpful for everyone!

In the News

North Dakota's 140-year-old State Hospital gets \$300M green light for rebuild

All Members

INFORUM By [Peyton Haug](#) May 17, 2025 at 5:15 AM

Construction will begin this summer and is slated to take around three years, marking the hospital's biggest buildout since opening in 1885.

[Read more...](#)

We extend our condolences to those who knew and worked with Representative Cindy Schreiber Beck. Her passing is a loss felt across her community and the state. We know many of you had connections with her through your work and service, and our thoughts are with all who are mourning.

- NDLTCA Board and Staff

Port: Lawmaker's death brings new intensity to NDGOP's civil war

All Members

INFORUM Opinion by [Rob Port](#) May 19, 2025 at 10:02 PM

The responsibility for replacing Rep. Cynthia Schreiber-Beck falls to the District 25 NDGOP, which, thanks to infighting, has failed to select new leadership by the May 15 deadline.

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Thank you for all of your support for the association and its members!



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