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AHCA/NCAL Congressional Briefing



Pictured left to right, Erica Cermak, Reier Thompson, Blake Kragnes, Nikki Wegner, Wade Peterson, Amy Kreidt, Doug Panchot, Joyce Linnerud Fowler, Kiara Tuchscherer, Garth Rydland.

North Dakota Long Term Care Leaders Head to Capitol Hill for 2025 AHCA/NCAL Congressional Briefing

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This week, ten long term care leaders from across North Dakota are in Washington, D.C. for the **2025 AHCA/NCAL Congressional Briefing**, meeting directly with members of Congress to advocate for the future of care in our state.

Representing skilled nursing, assisted living, and basic care, our leaders are bringing a clear message to Capitol Hill:

Protect Medicaid. Strengthen the workforce. Bring balance to regulations. Repeal the staffing mandate.

In meetings today with **Senator John Hoeven, Senator Kevin Cramer, and Representative Julie Fedorchak**, our advocates shared the real-world impact of federal policy on access to care—especially in rural communities. They are asking for:

- **Protection of Medicaid funding** to ensure financial stability and continued access to services.
- **Workforce support**, including immigration reform, training investment, and policies that help grow and retain direct care workers.
- **Regulatory reform**, including relief from overly punitive enforcement.

- **Repealing the CMS minimum staffing mandate or maintaining the moratorium offered by the House**, which threatens access to care in rural areas without offering viable solutions.

We extend a **huge thank-you to the ten long term care leaders who traveled all the way to D.C.** to speak on behalf of our profession and the people we serve. Your voices, your stories, and your commitment make a real difference.

We're also grateful to AHCA/NCAL for coordinating this important advocacy event, and to our congressional offices for their time and thoughtful engagement. There's more work ahead—but together, we're helping to shape a stronger, more sustainable future for long term care in North Dakota and beyond.

Due to this week's Congressional Briefing and travel to Washington, D.C., I'll be sending the rest of the newsletter later this week. Thank you for your patience—and stay tuned for updates and upcoming events!



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