



NDLTCA Newsletter

June 3, 2025

All Members - *All Members*
Assisted Living - *AL*
Basic Care and Adult Residential - *BC*
Nursing Facilities - *NF*

NDLTCA Updates



Celebrating Commitment to Quality

All Members

Facilities that achieve the **Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award** from AHCA/NCAL are taking the first bold step on a journey of excellence. This award recognizes providers that have

laid the groundwork for continuous improvement by clearly defining their mission, identifying key challenges, and committing to better outcomes for the residents they serve.

It's more than a plaque on the wall, it's a sign of purpose, progress, and pride in the work we do every day.

Congratulations to the NDLTCA member facilities who earned this national recognition!

Your dedication to quality care and continuous improvement makes North Dakota proud.

Reminder-Action Alert-Facility Reported Incidents

NF

Please return your letters to Nikki and I as soon as possible by tomorrow at 12pm. Email nikki@ndltca.org and erica@ndltca.org. We've not received any letters thus far and **your voice is important!** If you have a story you can share about facility reported incidents, please make sure to send us a letter! Ask our congressional delegates to push for no CMP fines with FRIs.

ACTION ALERT

MAY 29, 2025



Share
your
Story

Congressional Briefing: Letter Writing Campaign

Greetings NDLTCA Members,

As you may know, NDLTCA Staff and members will be visiting our Congressional Delegation June 10th and we need **YOUR** help to inform our members about the real world impacts of Facility Reported Incidents and the impacts to your residents and facilities.

We're asking each of you to write a letter to each member **no later than June 4th, 2025** at 12:00 PM, and return the letters to Nikki and Erica via e-mail (nikki@ndltca.org and erica@ndltca.org).

Please see details here:



WHAT WE NEED:

Personal letter on Facility Letterhead

- Please create a separate letter for Senator Cramer, Senator Hoeven and Congresswoman Fedorchak
- Please describe a personal experience you've had with a **Facility Reported Incident** and how it has affected you.
- Be specific-please include any appeal you may have initiated, any final determination information, financial and long term impact to your facility, along with specific incident examples.
- Be sure to **thank them** for their time to listen to your concerns and their continued advocacy for Long Term Care.

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2025 Frank Wedge Recipients

NF

The Frank L. Wedge Memorial Fund was established by the Wedge family to honor Frank's commitment to improving long-term care in North Dakota. Administered by the North Dakota Long Term Care Association, the fund provides grants of up to \$10,000 to nonprofit skilled nursing facilities to support projects that enhance the quality of care for residents.

Applications are reviewed by the Resident Issues Committee, with final approval from the NDLTCA Board.

This fund is one small way we continue Frank's legacy, and help facilities make meaningful improvements that truly benefit the people they serve every day.

We're proud to announce the 2025 recipients of the Frank L. Wedge Memorial Fund.

Region I

- **Rolette** – Rolette Community Care Center
- **Tioga** – Tioga Medical Center LTC
- **Williston** – Bethel Lutheran Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Region II

- **Cando** – Towner County Living Center
- **Langdon** – Maple Manor Care Center
- **Larimore** – Good Samaritan Society – Larimore
- **Park River** – Good Samaritan Society – Park River

Region III

- **Beulah** – Knife River Care Center
- **Glen Ullin** – Marian Manor HealthCare Center
- **Richardton** – Richardton Health Center

Region IV

- **Bismarck** – Baptist Health Care Center
- **Bismarck** – Benedictine Living Community – Bismarck
- **Harvey** – St. Aloisius Medical Center

Region V

- **Ellendale** – Benedictine Living Community – Ellendale
- **Jamestown** – Eventide Jamestown
- **LaMoure** – Benedictine Living Community of LaMoure – St. Rose Care Center

Region VI

- **Fargo** – Fargo Elim
- **Fargo** – SMP Health – St. Catherine North
- **Mayville** – Luther Memorial Home

Thank you to our Gold Sponsor, Roers!



Thank you so much for your continued support and generous sponsorship!

Basic Care Assistance Program Update

Therap Assessments Now Live – Accessing Your Basic Care Service Authorizations

BC

The Department has announced that **Therap assessments are now live**, and each facility will receive their **Basic Care Service Authorizations** via the **Secure Communications (SComm)** inbox in Therap. This system ensures HIPAA-compliant communication between providers and the Department.

Please ensure that your designated contact is able to access your facility's SComm inbox to retrieve the **PDF version of the Service Authorization**, which will be needed for billing.

For a refresher on how to access and manage SComms, please refer to the **email from Kathryn Good dated June 2nd**, which includes helpful quick guides.

Helpful Links:

- [Therap Secure Communications \(SComm\)](#)
- Configure Email Notifications

If the SComm feature isn't visible in your account, your facility's Super Admin may need to update your permissions to allow you to send and receive messages from the Department.

Additional Resources:

- Intro to SComm Course
- Training Video: Secure Communications
- SComm Overview

Please reach out to your basic care case manager or the agingbcreferrals@nd.gov inbox if you need further assistance.

Assisted Living

Stay Prepared with NCAL's New Emergency Preparedness Manual

AL

When emergencies strike, preparation makes all the difference. NCAL's *Assisted Living Emergency Preparedness and Procedure Manual* helps you build a complete, site-specific response plan with ease. This downloadable, customizable resource includes everything you need to develop a comprehensive plan. Plus, you will receive a premium 3-ring binder with pre-punched tabs to keep everything organized and accessible. Take the crucial step to safeguard your residents, staff, and community—order your copy today.

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Medicaid Update

Personal Needs Allowance

NF and BC

HB 1485 approved & signed by Governor Armstrong

- Increases Personal Needs Allowance by \$15.00 per month beginning July 1, 2025
 - Monthly personal needs allowance will be reviewed and adjusted annually based on inflation – determined by Consumer Price Index (CPI)
 - Nursing Home – will increase from \$100.00 to \$115.00
 - Basic Care – will increase from \$135.00 to \$150.00
 - ICF IID – will increase from \$135.00 to \$150.00
 - SSI Subsidy will increase from \$70.00 to \$85.00 – based on other income individuals have.
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Legislative Studies & Reports Involving Medicaid

- **Shall** – Directs either HHS or Legislative Management to study and/or report on a topic during the interim.
- **Shall Consider** – Topics that will be considered by Legislative Management for study during the interim. Not every topic is selected.

Shall Studies & Reports

- Developmental Disability Provider Accreditation & Costs
- Nursing Facility Quality Withhold
- Special Education Funding
- Review Asset Limit & Basic Care Study Progress
- Adult Residential, Basic Care & Assisted Living Payment Model and Licensure
- PRTF Rates & Value Based Purchasing
- 340B Transparency Study

Shall Consider Study Topics

- Maternal Health Access
- Developmental Disability Services
- Dental & Oral Health Care Needs

In the News

North Dakota Legislative Council to prepare briefs on potential special session scenarios

All Members

By Grant Coursey / The Bismarck Tribune, June 02, 2025 North Dakota Senate Majority Leader David Hogue on Wednesday directed Legislative Council to prepare a briefing on five scenarios that could result in a special legislative session – 1) redistricting lawsuit, 2) veto override, 3) oil prices, 4) pipelines, and 5) federal funding.

[Read more...](#)

Regulatory

New Compliance blog post from Healthcare Academy: From Mandates to Motivation – Reimagining Compliance Through Engagement and Growth

All Members

Tired of chasing down staff to complete eLearning modules? You're not alone. But what if compliance didn't have to feel like a chore?

In the third post of Healthcare Academy's compliance blog series, explore how to turn training into something your team actually *wants* to do. Discover strategies to: Make compliance meaningful, turn training into a game, celebrate success, and connect learning to career goals.

It's time to shift the mindset from "Why won't they finish?" to "How can we make it something they look forward to?"

[Read the blog series here...](#)

Workforce

Understanding the Facts: U.S. Workforce Trends & Outlook for Senior Housing & Care

All Members

This webinar will explore workforce recruitment and retention challenges in senior housing and care through data insights and discussions. [Read More](#)

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!

Advocacy

Interim Legislative Committee and Public Meetings Calendar

All Members

- June 9 | 10 am | Administrative Rules Committee | [More info.](#)
 - June 12 | 3 pm | Admin. Rules Hearing DHHS – Home Health Agencies | [More info.](#)
 - June 13 | 10 am | Committee on Aging | [More info.](#)
 - June 16 | 1 pm | Long Term Care Advisory Committee | [More info.](#)
 - June 19 | 3:30 pm | Bed Management System Exec. Steering Committee | [More info.](#)
 - June 27 | 9:30 am | Admin. Rules Hearing DHHS – Community Health Workers | [More info.](#)
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