



NDLTCA Newsletter

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NDLTCA Updates

Long Term Care Advisory Committee Meeting 6-16-25

All Members

The NDLTCA staff, Amy Kreidt, and Joyce Linnerud Fowler joined the [Long Term Care Advisory Committee meeting](#) yesterday with DHHS Health Facilities, Medicaid, LTC Ombudsman, Medicaid Fraud and Control Unit, and Quality Health Associates. Look for an email from Nikki with more information that was shared and discussed during the meeting.

Education

You're Invited! Upcoming Educational Webinar Series: Mastering MDS Classification and PDPM Calculation

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We are excited to announce a **four-part educational webinar series** designed specifically for **MDS Nurses and interdisciplinary team members** who are involved in MDS assessments and the PDPM process.

This series will provide a focused review of the **MDS items used for classification**, including **NTA (Non-Therapy Ancillary), ST (Speech Therapy), and Nursing components**—followed by a final session that ties it all together with **PDPM reimbursement calculation**.

Webinar Dates & Topics:

- **July 16 @ 11:30 a.m.** – Understanding NTA Components

- **July 30 @ 11:30 a.m.** – Speech Therapy Classification: What You Need to Know
- **August 6 @ 11:30 a.m.** – Navigating the Nursing Classification Items
- **August 20 @ 11:30 a.m.** – Pulling it All Together: Calculating Reimbursement Under PDPM

Each session will be approximately one hour and will include time for Q&A.

 **Can't attend live?** No worries—all webinars will be recorded and available to watch later, either for review or for those who couldn't join live.

 A **Microsoft Teams invite has already been sent** to participants. If you did not receive it or would like a calendar invite, please contact **Peggy** at peggy@ndltca.org.

 Be sure to share this training opportunity with your **MDS Nurses, IDT members, and anyone who would benefit** from a better understanding of MDS and PDPM!



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Hybrid CNA Training Program

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[CNAonline.com](https://www.cnaonline.com) has developed a HYBRID nurse assistant training program based on the AHCA “How to be a Nurse Assistant” Curriculum to help address the workforce challenges and frontline staff shortages.

The curriculum meets all federal guidelines and is adapted for ND state-specific requirements.

For more information on the CNAOnline Hybrid program and/or to schedule a demo, please contact [Hope Janssen](#).

Peggy Hosted an Informational Webinar – October 16:

[Recording – October 16, 2024](#)

[Handout – PPT](#)

Find all of the resources you need [here](#).

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Reconciliation Update: Senate Finance Committee Releases Their Version

All Members

From Clif Porter: Late on Monday, the chair of the Senate Finance Committee released their portion of the “big, beautiful” budget reconciliation bill. Since Senate Finance oversees Medicaid and Medicare, this is where our focus has been over the past few weeks, after the House passed their version of bill right before Memorial Day.

As we have shared previously, the Senate often likes to do its own thing, as we're seeing in the release of this draft text. **The good news for long term care is that Senate Republicans recognize the vulnerabilities of the population we serve and are attempting to insulate us from any Medicaid reductions.**

Retroactive Coverage

Current law affords retroactive coverage for three months prior to the approval of an entered application. Senate Finance language proposes 60 days for all categories of eligibility other than expansion new adults. Compared to House language, which reduced retroactive coverage to 30 days, this represents a step in the right direction and an invitation to ongoing dialogue.

Staffing Mandate

Senate Finance includes a permanent repeal of the staffing mandate.

What Happens Next

There are many other provisions in this draft legislation, and we are continuing to comb through the language and potential implications. But this is progress for the sector.

In terms of process, once Senate Republicans coalesce around language, they will proceed directly to the Senate floor for consideration of all pieces of the legislation. They want to achieve this by the Fourth of July. If the Senate's version is different than the House's, then it must go back to the House to be considered once again.

So yet again, there are a lot of changes that can happen between now and then. But the next couple of weeks are critical, and we are remaining vigilant at every step of the legislative process. This week, we are hosting our Council for Post-Acute Care meeting in Washington, D.C., so the timing is perfect to keep the pressure on lawmakers.

Progress Parade Campaign

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Plan a parade that celebrates your residents' rehabilitation milestones and post it on social media using #ProgressParade. Your parade will be featured on AHCA's social media channels & more! To learn more about the Progress Parade and how to participate, download our toolkit [here](#).

Assisted Living

Learn About Infection and Prevention Control Programs in Assisted Living

AL

NCAL's IPCO for Assisted Living reviews effective AL infection prevention and control programs, the role of quality improvement, understanding IPC precautions, and key stakeholders to engage in an IPC program.

[Read More](#)

CMS

CMS Posts Updated Appendix PP

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CMS recently posted the updated Appendix PP of the State Operations Manual.

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CMS Launches New Quality Improvement Work: What It Means for North Dakota

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CMS has officially launched the **13th Scope of Work (SoW)** for its Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program, running from **May 2025 to May 2030**. This initiative is part of the federal **Make America Health Again (MAHA)** effort to strengthen healthcare outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries.

What's in it for North Dakota?

North Dakota is part of **Region 6**, and our QIO partner will be **Telligen, Inc.** They and Quality Health Associates will work directly with nursing homes, hospitals, and clinics across the state to support:

- **Quality and patient safety initiatives**
- **Chronic disease and behavioral health management**
- **Emergency preparedness and infection control**
- **Care coordination and workforce improvement**

What to expect:

- **Free technical assistance and training-likely not onsite**

- **Data tools and analytics support**
- **Help implementing evidence-based practices**

We'll share more information as it becomes available, including ways to engage with QHA and Telligen's programming. We are also advocating to ensure the supports offered are meaningful and relevant to your needs.

If you have questions or want to share ideas on how this initiative could benefit your facility, don't hesitate to reach out.

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Please Note!

The NDHIN Help Desk contact information has changed. Please make note of the changes moving forward.

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[Providers Accepting CHAMPVA: You Must Enroll in EFT to Get Paid](#)

Workforce

Why Orientation and Ongoing Training Matter for Reducing Turnover

All Members

If we want to create nursing homes where staff thrive—and residents receive the quality care they deserve—we must start by rebuilding our orientation and training processes. It's not enough to hire people; we must invest in them. [Read more.](#)

State Technical Assistance Available to Improve Direct Care Worker Recruitment, Training, and Retention

All Members

The Direct Care Workforce Strategies Center, led by the National Council on Aging, opened applications for the second round of technical assistance opportunities for “states to build a robust direct care workforce.” [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

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