



NDLTCA Newsletter

September 16, 2025

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NDLTC PAC



Join us for the ND LTC- PAC
Drinks, Dinner & Dueling Pianos



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5:00-6:00PM



DINNER

6:00-7:00PM



DUELING PIANOS!

7:00-8:30PM

Register
Today!



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ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO THE
ND LTC-PAC!

Thank you to our event Sponsors – Converdia Health Staffing, Eide Baily, HSI Solutions, New Vision Security, Pope Design Group, US Foods!!

All Members

Please pre-register with stacy@ndltca.org for the upcoming ND LTC-PAC event on Wednesday, September 24th! We will have a social hour, dinner, and DUELING PIANOS for our entertainment! It is sure to be a great time!

NDLTCA Updates

New Partnership with University of Mary

All Members

We're excited to announce a new partnership between NDLTCA and the **University of Mary** to support our members and workforce development across the state!

Through this partnership:

- **Up to \$5,000 in Scholarships** are available for eligible undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs — many offered online or in the evenings.
- **RN-BSN and RT-BSRT students** will receive a 10% tuition discount.
- **Facilities** can access free consultation and receive **10% off training** provided by the University's Workforce Development Department.

This is a great opportunity for those looking to continue their education or for facilities seeking to recruit and develop staff.

Learn more about eligibility and benefits by contacting Alycia Peter at ajpeter@umary.edu or by scheduling a meeting using the [Booking Link for Alycia Peter](#).



Opportunity to Serve: AHCA/NCAL Committee Appointments for 2026-2027

All Members

AHCA/NCAL is accepting nominations for the **2026–2027 committee term**, and we're looking for members who are interested in representing North Dakota at the national level. These committees help shape key priorities for long term care and assisted living—and ensure rural voices like ours are heard.

To maintain broad and balanced input, **appointments are typically limited to one person per state and company**, and most members serve on **only one committee**.

If you're interested in being considered, please:

1. Review committee descriptions on the [AHCA/NCAL website](#).
2. Reply to me with your top 2–3 choices **by Oct. 8**.

This isn't a guarantee of appointment, but we'll coordinate to avoid overlap and put forward strong candidates. Thank you for your interest—your voice matters!

Education

Only 1 Week Until the 2025 Fall Conference!

All Members

Join us September 22–25 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo for education, networking, and professional development with long-term care leaders from across the state.

✔ Still need to register? Don't wait!

Visit: ndltca.org/events/fallconference

✉ **Already registered?** You should have received an email with important conference details.

If you didn't, please contact Peggy at peggy@ndltca.org.

❓ **Not sure if you're registered?**

Check the "Registration List" tab here: ndltca.swoogo.com/2025fallconference

We'll see you in Fargo next week!

❤️ Frontline Caregiver Training – Register Now!

All Members

Early Bird Deadline: Sept. 29

Join us for a one-day, in-person training created just for frontline caregivers—**CNAs, Med Aides, Dietary, Housekeeping, Nurses, and more!**

📍 **Oct. 14 – Bismarck**

📍 **Oct. 15 – Fargo**

Caregivers who attend each year **truly value this experience**, as many don't often get the chance to attend conferences. It's a day to learn, grow, connect—and feel appreciated!

🎯 Don't miss out—**early bird registration ends Sept. 29!**

🔗 ndltca.org/events/frontline-caregiver-training

Advance Your MDS Expertise with the RAC-CTA Certification Workshop – October 6–8!

All Members

Ready to take your MDS knowledge to the next level? Join us for the **AAPACN RAC-CTA® Certification Workshop**, a comprehensive virtual training designed for experienced MDS professionals looking to deepen their understanding and leadership in clinical reimbursement. This advanced education program covers essential topics, including:

- Clinical reimbursement principles
- Medicare compliance and RAI/MDS program integrity
- Ethical leadership and managing medical reviews
- Accurate ICD-10-CM diagnosis coding
- Strategies for payment oversight
- Enhancing quality measures across CMS programs

Dates: October 6–8

Format: Virtual workshop

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your skills and elevate your role in the MDS field.

 [Register here](#)

Regulatory

Administrative Rule Review & Comments Submitted

All Members

The NDLTCA Regulatory Committee has reviewed the proposed administrative rule changes and submitted comments on the **Nursing Facility Rate Setting (PDPM transition)** and **Basic Care Rate Setting** proposals. You can view those comments [here](#).

The committee supported or did not oppose most proposals, with a few items flagged for future advocacy. Member feedback was invited via email on August 14 to be due yesterday, September 15, but we did not receive additional comments.

Board approval is expected **Monday, Sept. 22**, and there's still time to raise any concerns—**written public comments are due by Sept. 25**.

Please reach out to [Erica](#) or me with any final input.

CMS

CMS Launches Landmark \$50 Billion Rural Health Transformation Program

NF and BC

Yesterday, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) unveiled details on how states can apply to receive funding from the \$50 billion Rural Health Transformation Program created under the [Working Families Tax Cuts Act](#) to strengthen health care across rural America. This unprecedented investment is designed to empower states to transform the existing rural health care infrastructure and build sustainable health care systems that expand access, enhance quality of care, and improve outcomes for patients. [Read more about the CMS announcement →](#)

We'll continue working closely with our state Medicaid Director to ensure long term care is

represented and that North Dakota secures its fair share of funding to strengthen and sustain our care systems.

UPDATED: CMS confirms launch of \$75M nursing home staff training fund

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MCKNIGHTS - Sept. 9

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Mehmet Oz has announced that his agency is moving forward with \$75 million in funding to support a long-awaited tuition reimbursement and training program for nursing home staff. [Read more...](#)

Workforce

FTC vacates noncompete final rule

All Members

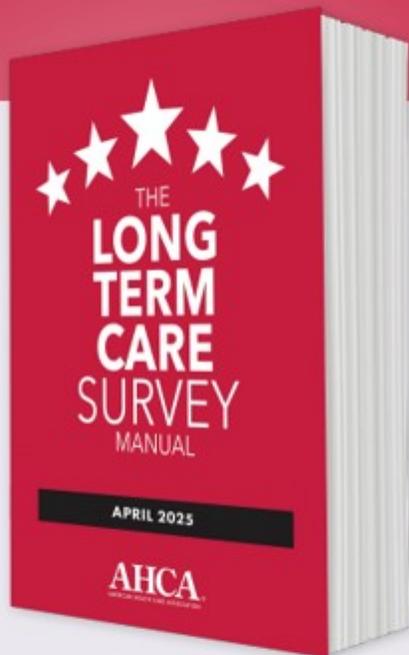
Recently, the U.S. DOL and Education announced they have taken steps to integrate the federal government's workforce portfolio through its partnership announced earlier this year. [Read More](#)

U.S. DOL, Education Workforce Partnership Update

All Members

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) **announced** that it will vacate a **rule** finalized last year that bans noncompete clauses in health care and other industries. Noncompete agreements prevent employees from taking new jobs that are associated with a competing business, or starting one on their own, within a certain timeframe or geographic area after leaving their job. This decision follows a district court decision barring the FTC from enforcing the rule. The Biden Administration appealed this decision and now the FTC voted 3-1 to dismiss the appeal and take steps to vacate the rule.

Stay Ahead of CMS Changes with the Updated Edition of the Long Term Care Survey Manual



With AHCA's easy-to-follow table format, this manual is an essential resource for long term care facilities to quickly access Federal regulations and surveyor guidance. This edition features updates to Appendix PP, staffing requirements, infection control, psychotropic medication use, QAPI, MDS, and more that went into effect **April 28, 2025**.

The Long Term Care Survey Manual is your key to staying compliant and survey ready.

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