



NDLTCA Newsletter

October 28, 2025

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NDLTCA Updates

NDLTCA Caregiver of the Year Award – Nominations

Open!

All Members

Do you know a long term care employee who goes above and beyond to enhance the lives of residents or tenants? Now's the time to recognize their dedication!

The North Dakota Long Term Care Association (NDLTCA) is accepting nominations for the 2026 Caregiver of the Year Award. All employees working in North Dakota long term care facilities are eligible.

 Winners will be honored at the NDLTCA Annual Convention in Bismarck, May 5–8, 2026, during the Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 6.

 Deadline: Nominations must be postmarked by Friday, February 6, 2026

 Learn more and access the fillable nomination form at ndltca.org/caregiver

NDLTCA Volunteer of the Year Award – Nominate a

Hero!

All Members

Have a volunteer who has made a lasting impact on your residents' lives? Show your appreciation by nominating them for the 2026 Volunteer of the Year Award!

NDLTCA is proud to honor individuals or groups who have significantly contributed to the quality of life in long term care settings.

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 Download the nomination form and learn more at ndltca.org/volunteer

Education

Training and Resources from AHCA/NCAL

All Members

F689—Accidents is the Second Most Common Nursing Facility Citation

AHCA offers affordable training titled Accidents – How to Stay Ahead of F689 and Keep Your Residents Safe that reviews the requirements covering accidents such as falls, physical plant risks, smoking and elopements. [Read More](#)

CARES® Dementia Care Training is Proven to Reduce Antipsychotic Use

CARES® offers AHCA/NCAL members exclusive savings on all CARES® dementia training and certification programs for long term care professionals and staff members. [Read More](#)

Regulatory

PDPM Rate and Software Update

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LeeAnn shared an important update last week:

I have been in touch with the following 3 software vendors and want to provide an update:

- PointClickcare – I have met with this vendor. Based on my communications with the vendor, there is not an option to upload the rates. It sounds hopeful that the base rate (direct and nondirect) can be entered and the software will calculate the rates. The vendor recommends creating a support ticket so they can keep facilities updated.
- Matrixcare – I have been in contact with this vendor and provided information. The base rate (direct and nondirect) can be entered and the software will calculate the rates. You do not have to create a support ticket.
- American Data – I have met with this vendor and they're analyzing what updates are needed. It sounds hopeful that the base rate (direct and nondirect) can be entered and the software will calculate the rates. They recommend contacting clinical@american-data.com with questions.

Here are a few examples that I have provided of how the rate is calculated.

PDPM Code	Case-Mix Weight	Direct Rate	Case-Mix Direct Rate	Nondirect (static) Rate	Per diem Rate
Base	1.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
LTA	2.30	\$100.00	\$230.00	\$200.00	\$430.00
AWF	0.67	\$100.00	\$67.00	\$200.00	\$267.00

I will provide an update if I receive additional information. If you create a ticket with your software vendor be sure to include that North Dakota has equalized rates so the rates are the same for private pay residents.

Thanks.

LeeAnn Thiel

Medicaid Payment and Reimbursement

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AHCA Posts VA FY 2026 Community Nursing Home PDPM Rate Tables

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AHCA has developed a Veterans Administration Community Nursing Home pricing comparison tool as a member benefit for fiscal year 2026. [Read More](#)

CMS Lifts Claims Hold

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CMS issued a special MLN Connects Newsletter, which included an update on the claims hold it put in place due to the ongoing federal government shutdown. [Read More](#)

Insurance

News for Medica Network Providers

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Check out the latest news from Medica, [click here.](#)

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