

NDLTCA Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
9:30-10:00am
Via TEAMS

Purpose: According to our bylaws, two board members can call a meeting without prior notice. Stephanie Edland and Jac McTaggart have requested a meeting to discuss whether it makes sense for NDLTCA to sign on to a National Alliance for Care at Home letter.

Board Members Present: Kaylene Kitelinger, Blake Kragnes, Joyce Linnerud-Fowler, Jac McTaggart, Brittany Ness, Richard Regner, Tonie Stoen,

Others: Nikki Wegner, Stacy Irely, Vanessa Raile

A quorum was present.

Stephanie and Jac convened the meeting to discuss a request to sign on to a 2026 letter initiated by the Good Samaritan Society and the Sanford lobbyist. The request invites NDLTCA to join in supporting an issue that primarily affects home health providers.

The Board noted that if this were January 2026, after home health, home care, and hospice are formally part of our membership we would certainly want to sign on. Because those providers are not yet under our umbrella, the Board agreed the decision requires thoughtful consideration.

Discussion centered on whether signing on now demonstrates support for the full continuum of care and positions NDLTCA as a collaborative partner across service lines. Board members expressed general support for signing on, recognizing the broader impact on long-term care.

- **Sign-On Form:** [Stop CY 2026 Home Health Payment Cuts – Organization Sign-On Form](#)
- **View the Letter:** [Oppose Home Health Cuts](#)
- **Target Deadline:** *Wednesday, October 15, 5:00 p.m. ET*

The group reviewed additional information regarding the rule:

<https://allianceforcareathome.org/the-alliance-responds-to-cy-2026-home-health-proposed-rule>

[CMS proposes 6.4% decrease to home health payments for CY 2026, updates to quality and value-based purchasing programs | AHA News](#)

Provider Impact

- **Medicare focus:** This rule affects *Medicare* payments.

- **Financial strain:** Providers face increased administrative burden and tighter margins, especially rural agencies with limited visit volume.
- **Access concerns:** Nationally advocates warn of potential reductions in home health capacity, particularly in frontier and rural states like North Dakota.

JAC MOTIONED TO SUPPORT NDLTCA SIGNING ON TO SUPPORT HOME HEALTH PAYMENT RULE, 2ND BY BRITTANY NESS. 100% Yeas, 0 Nays.

No further discussion

Adjourned 9:54 am