



NDLTCA Newsletter

February 3, 2026

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NDLTCA Updates

NDLTCA's is Hiring for Director of Emergency Planning

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Please share this great opportunity with your networks:

[NDLTCA Director of Emergency Planning Job Posting](#)

Education

2026 Year-Long Webinar Series: February Webinars

All Members

NDLTCA's year-long webinar series continues in February with three timely, practical sessions focused on survey readiness, infection control, and reimbursement accuracy. Below is a look at what each session will cover:

 **Survey & Clinical Risk Management**

 Tuesday, February 10, 2026 |  1:30 PM CT

Infection Control: Emerging Issues & Survey Readiness

This webinar focuses on emerging infection control issues and best practices for survey readiness. Participants will review current regulations, identify risk areas, and implement strategies to reduce infections and prepare for inspections.

 <https://ndltca.swoogo.com/surveyclinicalriskmanagement>

DON Playbook: Skills for Today's LTC Nurse Leader

 Tuesday, February 17, 2026 |  1:30 PM CT

Survey Readiness: Daily Compliance Practices that Lead to Survey Success

As facilities are no longer able to postpone getting “survey ready” until just before the facility window opens, it is increasingly critical that survey readiness become a daily task. This session focuses on key components for being survey ready every day, tools and resources for survey readiness, staff training priorities, and health inspection implementation strategies with case examples.

 <https://ndltca.swoogo.com/donplaybook>

TEAM MDS! Insights & Coaching for Quality Coding & PDPM Success

 Tuesday, February 24, 2026 |  1:30 PM CT

PDPM Precision (Part 2)

This PDPM-focused session provides an in-depth review of the Nursing and NTA components' impact on reimbursement and explores how clinical documentation, diagnosis coding, and assessment accuracy affect payment. The session also covers payment rate calculation and identifying opportunities for Interim Payment Assessments (IPAs).

 <https://ndltca.swoogo.com/teammds>

 Flyers and detailed schedules are available on each registration home page. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Belma** at belma@ndltca.org.

New No Cost CNA and QSP Training!

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Dakota Geriatrics is pleased to share a new series of **12 micro lectures** designed for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) and Qualified Service Providers (QSPs). Each presentation is just **3–5 minutes long**, making it easy to incorporate into your day or share during **monthly staff meetings**.

Topics include:

1. Person-Centered Care
2. Communication Skills
3. Legal and Ethical Responsibilities
4. Medication Awareness
5. Pain and Symptom Management
6. Dementia and Cognitive Impairment Care
7. Behavioral Health and Emotional Support
8. Functional Support and Mobility
9. Nutrition and Hydration
10. Infection Control and Safety
11. Interdisciplinary Team Collaboration
12. Self-Care and Resiliency

Each module includes brief pre- and post-questions to reinforce learning. Participants who complete all 12 lectures can earn a **Certificate of Completion** and a **Digital Badge** to recognize their achievement.

This series is a great way to refresh skills, support quality care, and foster team learning.

👉 **Start today or share with your team!** [CNA/QSP Curriculum Registration link](#)

These educational resources are free and are supported by a HRSA grant to UND Dakota Geriatrics, a Geriatric Workforce Enhancement program.

Regulatory

Government Shutdown and CMS

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In the memorandum CMS identifies functions that are not affected by a Federal shutdown, [click here for the memo.](#)

UPDATE: This afternoon, the House passed the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations package by a vote of 217–214, sending the package to the President to be signed into law, ending the government shutdown.

Alliance Statement on the House Energy & Commerce Oversight Hearing on Medicare and Medicaid Fraud

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[Find the statement here.](#)

CMS CCSQ quarterly stakeholder webinar

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Dr. Dora Hughes, Chief Medical Officer at CMS and Director of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ), and the CCSQ leadership team are holding a quarterly stakeholder webinar on Wednesday, **February 4 from 3-4 pm ET**. Participants will hear the latest on recent policy developments and how these efforts are accelerating progress toward improving care and outcomes for beneficiaries in Medicare, Medicaid, and the Marketplace. [Register here](#).

Advocacy

Interim Legislative Calendar

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- Feb. 11 | 9 am | [Human Services Committee](#)
 - Feb. 12 | 9:30 am | [Health Care Committee](#)
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Public Meetings

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- Feb. 4 | 1 pm | [Olmstead Commission Meeting](#)
- Feb. 17 | 3 pm | [Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee Meeting](#)
- Feb. 18 | 1 pm | [Money Follows the Person External Partners Meeting](#)

Workforce

Report: Nursing Homes Making Significant Progress with Workforce

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2025 data shows jobs increasing and turnover declining, but the profession still faces a growing caregiver shortage

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Health Care Association (AHCA), the nation’s largest organization representing long term and post-acute care providers, today released [updated data](#) showing that nursing homes continue to make progress in strengthening their workforce. The sector gained 40,700 jobs in 2025, and nursing turnover and agency use rates are declining. View the full Nursing Home Workforce Report [HERE](#).

University of Mary Workforce Development Partnership

All Members

Thanks to a new workforce development agreement between the **North Dakota Long Term Care Association (NDLTCA)** and the [University of Mary](#), you are now eligible for exclusive scholarships for **online or evening undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs** at Mary! As an NDLTCA member employee, you can receive:

- **Up to \$5,000** toward your **MBA**
- **Up to \$2,000** for other eligible **graduate programs**
- **Up to \$3,200** for eligible **undergraduate programs**

- **10% off tuition for up to eight terms** for the University of Mary's **RN-BSN or RT-BSRT programs**

Interested in pursuing a degree or certificate to advance your career? You can schedule an appointment with our assigned admissions representative or apply to the university online. I hope many of you will take advantage of this great opportunity!

[Talk with Admissions](#) [Apply to the University](#)

Vision Centre Regional Forums - Registration Open

All Members

The Vision Centre is doing regional forums again this Spring across the country. These are unique one day gatherings of progressive senior living providers, partners and universities focused or interested in growing senior living leadership academic programs. The goals of the forum are to gain increased awareness and share best practices around developing future leaders, including field experiences. A second goal is to expand and improve partner relationships with universities.

You can find the link [here](#) for more information about the agenda, location, dates & registration. There will be representatives from a variety of states in attendance with lots of dialogue and engagement. You can reach out to Doug Olson at dolson@visioncentre.org or Kiki Beschorner at kbeschorner@visioncentre.org with any questions.

We hope you consider being at one of these forums to continue to help build the senior living and aging services leadership talent pipeline we all know we need for the future.

Resources for Care Recipients

ABLE Accounts for Individuals with Disabilities

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ABLE Accounts allow eligible individuals with disabilities to save and spend money for qualified disability-related expenses—such as housing, transportation, health care, and personal supports—*without* jeopardizing Medicaid or SSI eligibility. Importantly, individuals may qualify **regardless of whether they live independently or in a residential care setting**, as long as the disability began before age 46 and eligibility criteria are met.

Learn more about eligibility, allowable expenses, and how ABLE accounts work: [ABLE today](#)

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