

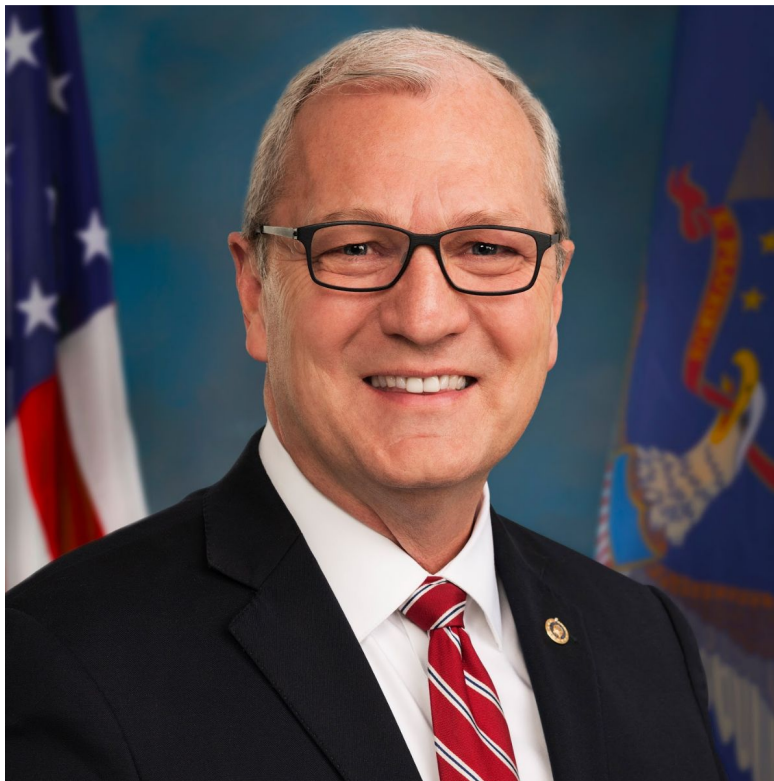


NDLTCA Newsletter

April 28, 2026

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NDLTCA Update



2026 Distinguished Service Award Recipient - U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer

All Members

We are proud to announce U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer as the **2026 Distinguished Service Award Recipient** at the upcoming NDLTCA Awards Gala.

Senator Cramer has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to long term care, leading efforts to address federal staffing mandates and reduce regulatory burdens while advancing policies that support providers, strengthen the health care workforce, and ensure access to quality care—especially for seniors, Veterans, and rural communities across North Dakota.

Join us as we recognize and thank Senator Cramer for his dedication.

To see Senator Cramer's advocacy at work, [Click here to watch](#)

Member Highlight: Congratulations Hatton Prairie Village!

All Members

Hatton Prairie Village has been certified as a Great Place to Work, recognizing a strong employee experience and workplace culture. The certification is based on employee survey results, with Hatton Prairie Village achieving a 93% positive response rate (compared to a 57% national average).

Survey results showed particularly strong performance (around 95% positive) in areas such as employees finding their work meaningful, feeling valued and appreciated, and recommending Hatton Prairie Village as a place to work. The data also identified opportunities for improvement,

which are helping inform ongoing workforce initiatives.

Hatton Prairie Village is the only health care facility in North Dakota and one of just five employers in the state to receive this certification. Congratulations to the team at Hatton Prairie Village!!!

.Learn more about the certification and how your organization can get involved: [Home | Great Place To Work®](#)

Regulatory Update

Rural Health Transformation Program Update

All Members

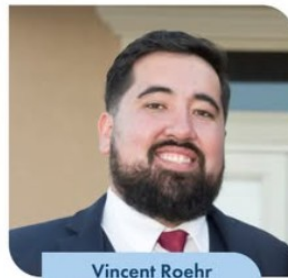
[Tribal Liaison and Rural Health Care Advisor, Join HHS Rural Health Transformation Program](#)



McMillan and Roehr Join Rural Health Transformation



Douglas A. McMillan
RHT Advisor



Vincent Roehr
RHT Tribal Manager



Funding Opportunities – Year One

What's Available Now – And What's Next

Opportunity	Funding	Released Date	Closing Date	TA Calls
Critical Access Hospital workforce retention	37 awards averaging \$270,000 each (\$10 million)	March 18	April 30	Completed
Zero-Hour Physical Education Initiatives	Awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$70,000 each (\$700,000)	April 22	Est. May 22	Est. May 4
Community Garden Projects	Awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 each (\$300,000)	April 22	Est. May 22	Est. May 5
Community-Based Walking Programs	Awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$125,000 each (\$2.6 million)	April 22	Est. May 22	Est. May 6
Behavioral Health Promotion Community Grants	Awards averaging \$160,000 each (\$1.6 million)	Est. April 23	TBD	TBD



We've recently heard positive feedback from national partners about **Thumbprint Consulting**, a firm that works with providers on grant strategy and writing.

Their services include identifying funding opportunities, developing proposals (narratives, budgets, timelines), and supporting coordinated submissions. Areas of focus include workforce, quality improvement, rural access, dementia care, and innovation.

This may be a helpful resource for members exploring grant opportunities or Rural Health Transformation Funds, particularly for those with limited internal capacity.

Learn more: <https://thumbprint.consulting/>

Federal Update: Medicare Advantage Reform

All Members

A bipartisan group of lawmakers has introduced the [Medicare Advantage Improvement Act of 2026](#), aimed at addressing delays, denials, and administrative challenges providers are experiencing with Medicare Advantage plans. The bill would improve prior authorization transparency, align coverage with traditional Medicare, promote timely payments, and strengthen access to care.

AHCA/NCAL support the legislation, noting it's a meaningful step toward ensuring care decisions are driven by clinical need and improving access for residents.

Medicaid Home Care Chartbook 2026

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The first ever Medicaid Home Care Chartbook looks at a wide array of data on Medicaid home care enrollees, including unique users by payment model, dual enrollees, rural users, and more. Authored by Institute and Alliance staff, and featuring new data modeled by and analyzed by Health Management Associates' (HMA) Washington, DC, the new Medicaid Home Care Chartbook is the newest addition to the Chartbook roster. This resource was developed in partnership with the National Alliance for Care at Home. They will be hosting a webinar **April 30, from 1-2 pm CT** to walk through the data book.

[Medicaid Home Care Chartbook - Research Institute for Home Care](#)

[Register here for the webinar.](#)

New iQIES MDS 3.0 Resident-Level Quality Measure Report Enhancement

NF

Enhanced reporting for the Long-Stay Antipsychotic Quality Measure adds new data fields to clarify why residents are included, excluded, or trigger the measure, helping providers better interpret their data. [Read More](#)

New CMS Training Available on Re-Specification of the Falls with Major Injury QM

NF

New training highlights upcoming changes to the Falls with Major Injury Quality Measure, including the use of both assessment and claims data. [Read More](#)

**Thank you for your support and Gold sponsorship,
Infinity Rehab!**



Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month: Recognizing the Full Spectrum of Symptoms

All Members

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month recognizes the more than one million people in the U.S. living with Parkinson's disease and highlights both motor and non-motor symptoms. Parkinson's disease psychosis (PDP), including hallucinations and delusions, is a common and often under-recognized complication. Nuplazid® (pimavanserin) is the first and only FDA-approved treatment specifically indicated for hallucinations and delusions associated with PDP, addressing a critical unmet need in this population. **Our Gold sponsor, Acadia** has some information for you to learn more:

- [4Ms Framework in Long-Term Care \(LTC\)](#)
- [Parkinson's Disease Psychosis – Disease State Overview](#)
- [Selected 2025* CMS Regulations Impacting the Treatment of Hallucinations and Delusions Associated With PD Psychosis](#)
- **Assisted Living:** [Parkinson's Disease Psychosis – A Resource for Caregivers in Assisted Living and the Community](#)
- [Nuplazid Prescribing Information](#)

Education

Medication Assistant II Training



Course Dates & Time

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2026
9:00am - 4:00pm

Location

Bergstrom Technical Center, Lake Region
State College, Devils Lake, ND

*Students will be expected to attend this
48-hour training once per week over a
period of 8 weeks.*

Prerequisite:

North Dakota

- Current Certified Nurse Assistant registry status.

Minnesota

- Current Nursing Assistant registry status
- Minnesota Department of Health Nursing Home Rules also state unlicensed nursing personnel who administer medications in a Minnesota nursing home must have completed a nursing assistant training program approved by the Minnesota Department of Health. (Proof of completion MUST be included with the registration form.)

Register by
May 19th for
only \$995!

Course Overview

This 48-hour classroom/lab component meets Minnesota requirements for medication administration. Students wanting to meet North Dakota requirements as a Medication Assistant II will need to complete this 48-hour classroom/lab component, plus an additional 32-hour clinical component with a facility within 6 months. (The 32-hour clinical component is not included as part of this course, therefore, students registering MUST already have an agreement in place with a facility to complete the clinical portion of the curriculum.) Once both training components are complete, students will be able to apply as a Medication Assistant II with the ND Department of Health.

Objectives

- Legal requirements concerning drugs and drug administration
- General medication information
- Use of the PDR
- Overview of the body systems
- Drug classifications
- Practical medication administration procedures

Scan the QR code to learn more information!



To Register:

701-662-1578 or LRSC.trainnd@LRSC.edu
www.lrsc.edu/trainnd

Exclusive AHCA/NCAL Member Discounts on NCCAP's and NAAP's National Activity Director Certification Programs

AL/BC/NF

AHCA/NCAL has entered a product discount partnership with the National Certification Counsel for Activity Professionals (NCCAP) for its nursing facility Activity Director Certified course and with the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP) for its National Assisted Living Enrichment Certification course for assisted living activity professionals.



Upcoming Alliance Events

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- April 29: [Veterans, Communities, and Care: A Collaborative Approach](#)
- April 30: [Digging into the Data: Exploring the new Medicaid Home Care Chartbook](#)
- May 6: [Hospice Community Listening Session: FY 2027 Hospice Proposed Rule — Requests for Information \(RFIs\)](#)
- May 13: [Navigating the VA RFP: What You Need to Know](#)
- May 20: [Advocacy 101](#)

- May 20: [Caring for Veterans Community Office Hours](#)

Visit the [Alliance Education Page](#) for more educational resources, courses, and events.

HHS Resource

HCBS Case Manager Contact List

All Members

[Click here for the updated Home and Community-Based Case Manager listing including supervisors.](#)

Insurance

NEWS for Medica Network Providers

All Members

[May 2026 News, click here.](#)

BCBSND: May is Mental Health Awareness Month

All Members

May is Mental Health awareness month. We wanted to share a variety of webinar's that are available to you and your team members. These events are all **free** to attend and are live webinar's led by 'Learn to Live's' clinical team. We encourage you to share these opportunities out with your team. Our Learn to Live program is available to all employees and their families, ages 13 and older at no cost. ***To Register: click the link for the webinar of your choice and use access code BLUEND. You will receive a confirmation email from Zoon. If you cannot attend a live session, please register and you will receive a link to the recording.*

May 2026 Webinars

***NEW* When We Say We're Fine, But We're Not: Tools for Mental Exhaustion:** How often do you find yourself reflexively saying, "I'm fine" while moving through your days on autopilot? Maybe you don't want to admit, or even realize, how exhausted you actually are. What if you can find a way to really mean it the next time you tell someone you're fine? In this webinar, the Clinical Team will offer practical tools to recognize mental exhaustion before you hit empty, reintroduce meaningful activities into your routine, and help you ask for support when you need it. With a few small changes, you might be able to turn off autopilot and prevent mental exhaustion to live with more intention.

Thursday, May 7th: 12-12:30pm CT/1-1:30pm ET

Wednesday, May 20th: 12-12:30pm CT/1-1:30pm ET

What is Anxiety and What Can I Do About It? Do worried thoughts command all your attention and steal your joy? Or does your body tell you that you're troubled with an upset stomach, trembling hands, and sweat on your forehead? Even when they seem like they're coming out of nowhere, these can be symptoms of anxiety. The Learn to Live Clinical Team will help you better understand anxiety and introduce you to evidence based strategies that can help improve your well-being.

Wednesday, May 13th: 2-2:30pm CT/3-3:30pm ET

The Price of Silence: How to Talk about Mental Health: If you are struggling with anxiety, depression, or a related concern, you know that is when you feel the least like discussing what you are going through. Join us as we discuss effective strategies, guidance in seeking help, and ways we can support those close to us who may be struggling.

Friday, May 15th: 11-11:30am CT/12-12:30pm ET

Building Stronger Social Connections for a Healthier Life: Research shows that connectedness is a key factor for health, but our connections with others are slipping. The Learn to Live Clinical Team will help you explore your own factors for connectedness and discuss ways to remove the barriers that keep you isolated.

Thursday, May 21st: 12-12:30pm CT/1-1:30pm ET



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