



NDLTCA Newsletter

May 12, 2026

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NDLTCA Member Highlights



Mountrail Bethel Home Reaches Major Milestone

All Members

Congratulations to the team at Mountrail Bethel Home in Stanley on their March 4th open house and dedication of their new skilled and basic care facility. The new 46-bed home marks a major milestone in a multi-year, campus construction project designed to enhance care and services for the community for generations to come.

The beautiful new facility features mostly private rooms, expanded resident spaces, outdoor patios, and a welcoming design focused on comfort and quality of life for residents, families, and staff. The project was made possible through strong local support, including significant contributions from Mountrail County and area Lutheran churches. [Click here to see more photos and information about the project.](#)

This investment reflects an incredible commitment to the future of long term care and rural healthcare in North Dakota. We congratulate the entire leadership team, staff, board members, supporters, and community partners on this exciting achievement and thank them for their continued dedication to serving their community.

[Minot Daily News Article-Read more...](#)

Long Term Care Leaders and Caregivers Recognized at 2026 Convention

All Members

[Inforum on May 6 by Isak Dinesen](#)

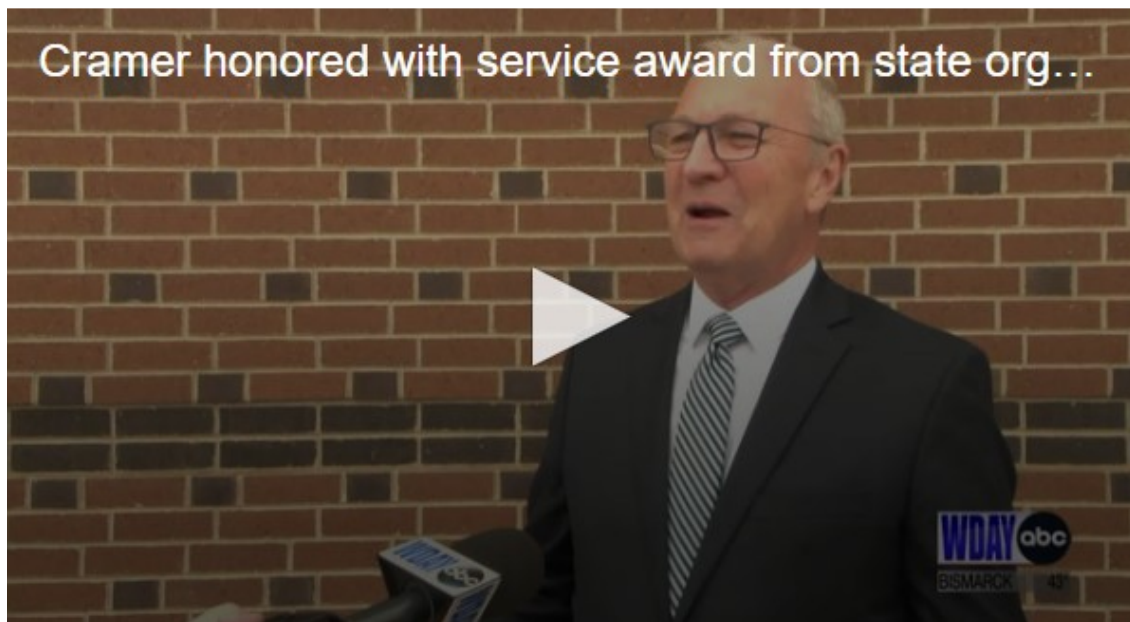
U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer was recently featured in a news story after receiving the Distinguished Service Award during NDLTCA's 2026 Annual Convention & Expo. In the interview, Senator Cramer spoke about the importance of long term care services in North

Dakota and praised the dedication of caregivers, staff, and volunteers who serve older adults and vulnerable individuals every day.

The story also highlighted the challenges facing the profession and the need to continue supporting the long term care workforce and providers across the state. We appreciate Senator Cramer's continued engagement with our members and his recognition of the essential role long term care plays in North Dakota communities.

We also want to extend another congratulations to our Caregivers of the Year, Volunteers of the Year, and all award recipients recognized throughout the convention — including those honored by our partnering associations. Your compassion, leadership, and commitment continue to make a meaningful difference for residents, tenants, and families across North Dakota.

[Check out the news story here](#)



North Dakota Today - North Dakota Nice Blog 5/11

All Members

Our members continue to make a difference in communities across North Dakota, and it was great to see long term care highlighted again on a recent segment of North Dakota Nice with Amanda Kosior on Valley News Live's *North Dakota Today*. These stories are an important reminder of the compassion, relationships, and everyday moments that happen in our facilities and services across the state.

Congratulations on your successful career and retirement, **Jeannie Hornung, Pembilier Nursing Center** and there was a great shout out to the **team at Bethany** as well!

We encourage members to take a couple minutes to watch and help celebrate the people and programs making North Dakota proud.

[Watch the segment here](#)



Education

Convention & Fall Conference CE Information

All Members

Thank you sincerely for participating in our event. We appreciate you taking the time to attend, engage, and support the work happening across long term care in North Dakota.

As our events wrap up, we often receive questions about accessing CE certificates or correcting hours listed on certificates.

If you believe your hours are incorrect, please email Belma@ndltca.org with the specific session(s) that need to be reviewed so she can look into why the credit may not have been applied correctly.

If you simply **need to access or print your certificate**, Convention and Fall Conference CE certificates are available here: [MTS CE Certificate Portal](#)

Instructions:

- Select the event for which you are printing CE credits
- Select the type of certificate you would like to print
- If you do not have your registration number, you can look it up at the bottom of the page

Please note: Summer Admin certificates are not available through this portal.

Welcome to the
NDLTCA 49th Annual Convention and Expo
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Questions?- Please reach out to Belma at belma@ndltca.org or by phone 701-354-9775 with any questions regarding your COA.

Happy National Skilled Nursing Care Week!!!



Residents and Caregivers Across America Celebrate National Skilled Nursing Care Week

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National Skilled Nursing Care Week® (NSNCW) will continue through Saturday, May 16, and celebrates the role of skilled nursing care in communities from coast to coast. This year's theme, *Moments in Bloom*, reflects how everyday acts of compassion, connection, and teamwork grow into meaningful experiences for residents, families, and staff. It celebrates the idea that big and small moments, when nurtured, can flourish to help residents live life to the fullest and with purpose.

“National Skilled Nursing Care Week is an important celebration of the special moments in long term care and the people who make them happen,” **said Clif Porter, president and CEO of the American Health Care Association (AHCA).** “This week recognizes the dedication, compassion, and professionalism of skilled nursing care teams who, every day, make a meaningful difference in the lives of their residents. I encourage communities nationwide to join us in showing appreciation for these extraordinary individuals and their unwavering service to our nation’s seniors and individuals with disabilities.”

Established by AHCA in 1967, NSNCW starts each year on Mother's Day and encourages skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes around the country to host a variety of events that shine a light on the individuals who reside, work, and volunteer in these centers. The week offers activities and events aimed at both social engagement and fostering community bonds, underscoring the essential role skilled nursing plays in the lives of millions.

Community members are encouraged to join in the celebrations this week by reaching out to local facilities to express their appreciation. Participants can also celebrate NSNCW by sharing [stories](#) and messages of gratitude on [Facebook](#) and other social media platforms using the hashtag #NSNCW.

Visit www.nsnw.org for more information and resources.

Funding Opportunities

Rural Health Transformation Program Reminder

All Members

North Dakota Health and Human Services is announcing multiple Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) funding opportunities now open for application across rural and tribal communities.

These competitive grants support efforts to strengthen healthcare access, expand behavioral health and prevention services, grow workforce capacity, and modernize rural health systems.

Several funding opportunities have approaching deadlines. Please review details and, if interested, apply as soon as possible.

[LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

Regulatory

Reminder: SNF QRP Submission Deadline is May 18

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The submission deadline for the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program is fast approaching. All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2026. [Read More](#)

CMS Updates SNF Data Validation Process FAQs

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently updated its [Data Validation Process Frequently Asked Questions](#) document with several revisions: [Read More](#)

What Marijuana Rescheduling Means for LTC Providers

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The U.S. Department of Justice, through the Drug Enforcement Administration, has issued a final order rescheduling certain marijuana-related products from Schedule I to Schedule III under the Controlled Substances Act. [What does this mean? Click Here](#)

May 2026 QSP update

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QSP quarterly update meeting

Join the quarterly update meeting to learn about new changes and updates in adult and aging services.

Monday, May 18

11-11:45 a.m. CT

See the [QSP Hub calendar](#) for more details.

[Many more updates, read more here...](#)

Policy & Advocacy Updates

ND Omstead Commission: Announces 2026 Olmstead Conference

All Members

The North Dakota Olmstead Commission is hosting it's 2026 Conference on July 20th at Bismarck State College. Focused on the theme of "Reimagining what's possible for inclusion and independence," this **free** event will provide information on various disability-related topics including technology, benefits planning, supported decision making, advocacy, and more. [Register today](#).

Federal Guardianship Bill Introduced

All Members

A federal bill known as the *Guardianship Bill of Rights Act* has been introduced in Congress. The legislation aims to strengthen due process protections and promote less restrictive alternatives before guardianship is imposed.

While the bill has not advanced at this time, it reflects a broader national policy trend toward:

- Increased focus on individual autonomy and person-centered decision-making
- Greater use of supported decision-making models
- Additional oversight of guardianship practices

This could have implications across the long term care continuum, including nursing facilities, assisted living, basic care, and home and community-based services.

Additional information is available here:

[Congress.gov – Guardianship Bill of Rights Act](#)

Public Comments Sought on North Dakota State Plan on Aging

All Members

North Dakota Health & Human Services is accepting public comments on the draft Older Americans Act State Plan on Aging for the period of Oct. 1, 2026 – Sept. 30, 2030.

The plan guides the use of Older Americans Act funding for services that support older adults living in their homes and communities, including:

- ADRL information and assistance
- Congregate and home-delivered meals
- Legal assistance
- Falls prevention and health maintenance programs
- Assistive safety devices

Comments are due by May 31, 2026. For more information or to submit comments, [click here](#).

In the News

All Members

ND Monitor: [Study recommends changes to North Dakota legislative calendar in response to term limits](#)

A consulting group recommends expanded mentorship and orientation for new lawmakers, making legislative sessions annual or changing the timing of sessions to mitigate the impact of term limits. The impact of legislative turnover is expected to hit beginning in 2028. One suggestion in the study is holding legislative sessions every year rather than every other year, which was supported by 70% of North Dakotans surveyed as part of the study. Alternatively, the study recommends shifting North Dakota's legislative sessions to even-numbered years.

KX NEWS: Senator John Hoeven is back in Washington, D.C. and is now talking about quality of life for veterans in North Dakota. [Read more...](#)

Workforce

Department of Education Issues RISE Final Rule

All Members

On April 30, 2026, the Department of Education (DOE) released the final rule titled [Reimagining and Improving Student Education \(RISE\)](#), which largely finalizes the professional degree definition as proposed in the January [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#). Notably, the final rule does not expand the definition on of professional degree to include Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT), Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD), Master of Social Work (MSW), Doctor of Social Work (DSW), or Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) programs.

These regulations implement changes created by the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* which cover a number of topics including the restructuring of student loans, student loan repayment plans, and institutionally determined loan limits, among other changes. [Read More](#)

U.S. Senate Bills Aim to Expand Apprenticeships and Strengthen the Workforce

All Members

Two newly introduced federal bills led by Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) aim to expand apprenticeship opportunities and help address workforce shortages.

The legislation would:

- Improve collection of apprenticeship outcome data, including pay, retention, and completion rates
- Streamline the process for registering new apprenticeship programs
- Increase transparency around apprenticeship approvals and timelines

Sen. Cassidy has also requested a GAO study on barriers to creating new apprenticeship programs.

AHCA/NCAL will continue monitoring these bills and provide updates as they develop. [Read more...](#)

Apprenticeship Accommodations Toolkit

All Members

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy Apprenticeship Accommodations Toolkit offers tips, strategies, and resources to improve workplace accommodations and supports for individuals with a disability pursuing apprenticeship programs. [Read More](#)

Education Opportunities

Care in Practice: Home Safety and Falls Prevention

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May 21, 2026 @ 10:00 am – Home Safety and Falls Prevention

Presented by Brittany Johnson, PT, DPT

[Register for the monthly series](#) or check out other webinars on our [Events Calendar](#).

Maximize Your Summit Experience with a Pre-Event Workshop

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Register for the [2026 Alliance Finance and Technology Summit](#), July 12-14 in Boston, and start your experience with a focused [pre-event workshop](#) on Sunday, July 12.

These workshops offer a deeper dive into the financial, operational, and technology challenges shaping care at home – giving you the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning, peer discussion, and real-world problem solving before the Summit begins.

With dedicated workshops for hospice, home health, home care, and technology leaders, there's an experience designed to meet you where you are and deliver practical strategies you can apply right away.

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