



NDLTCA Newsletter

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Summer Admin Conference Officially Kicks Off Today!

All Members

Summer Admin officially begins today, and we're looking forward to several days of learning, collaboration, and connecting with colleagues from across North Dakota.

Safe travels to everyone still making their way to Walker—we can't wait to welcome you at Chase on the Lake Resort!

Don't forget to join us this evening for our **Welcome Reception**, sponsored by **Eventide**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** It's a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, meet new friends, and kick off a productive and enjoyable week together.

Here's to an inspiring week—we'll see you soon!

Education



Coming Soon: Emerging Leaders Program

All Members

The North Dakota Long Term Care Association is excited to announce the launch of the **Emerging Leaders Program**, a new leadership development initiative created by the **NDLTCA Workforce Committee** in partnership with the **University of Mary**.

This **9-month leadership development program** is designed to identify and cultivate high-potential employees within North Dakota long term care organizations. Participants will build essential leadership skills while strengthening their ability to lead teams, inspire others, and contribute to the future of long term care.

Applications will open soon, so be sure to watch your email and future association communications for additional details and the application process.

Space is limited for the inaugural cohort beginning this fall, so interested organizations are encouraged to apply early.

Invest in your future leaders today—and help strengthen the future of long term care tomorrow!

Webinar Recording & Handouts Now Available: ND Medicaid Cost Reporting

NF and BC

Missed yesterday's **ND Medicaid Cost Reporting** webinar, or want to review the information again?

The recording and presentation handouts from "**ND Medicaid Cost Reporting**," presented by **Eric Jablonsky with Eide Bailly**, are now available on the **Recordings** page in the **Members**

Only section of our website.

Whether you were unable to attend the live webinar or would like to revisit the presentation, this is a great opportunity to access the valuable information that was shared. The presentation handouts are also available to download and were not distributed during the live webinar.

If you do not know the password to access the **Members Only** section of the website, please contact stacy@ndltca.org for assistance.

We encourage all members involved in Medicaid cost reporting to take advantage of these valuable resources.

Long-Term Care (LTC) Geriatric Learning Series with CNAs

All Members

Last week, we successfully completed Session #3, *Effective Communication in LTC (Introduction)*. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to a great discussion. As interest in the series continues to grow, we'd appreciate your help promoting the upcoming session.

Upcoming Session #4: Effective Communication in LTC (Advanced Applications) | **August 19, 2:00 - 2:30 PM CT**

The series helps CNAs:

- Deliver person-centered, age-friendly care using the 5Ms Framework (What Matters, Medications, Mentation, Mobility and Multi-complexity).
- Enhance resident care and quality of life.
- Reduce risks such as falls and agitation.
- Learn from fellow CNAs and geriatric care experts.

- Build confidence and support professional growth.

[Register here](#)

Facilities are welcome to gather CNA teams together in a conference room to participate as a group, or staff may join individually.

All sessions are recorded and available online: <https://dakotageriatrics.org/past-event/age-friendly-care-for-cnas/>

Thank you again for your partnership and for helping us strengthen the long-term care workforce through education and training. We appreciate your continued support in sharing this opportunity with CNAs.

Upcoming Alliance for Care at Home Education Events

CH

- July 30: [Decision-Making Capacity: A Hidden Risk for Healthcare Leaders and Clinical Teams](#)
- August 6: [Medical Aid in Dying: Considerations for Leaders in MAID States](#)
- August 6: [HOPE Forum](#)
- August 12: [Navigating VA Benefits](#)
- August 13: [Fundamentals of Government Oversight: Conditions of Payment v. Conditions of Participation](#)
- August 20: [The Government's Wide Net: The Latest Trends in CMS's Enhanced Enforcement Efforts and How Providers Can Respond](#)

- August 27: [Let Your Light Shine: Finding Success in CMS Medical Record Reviews and Audits](#)
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Regulatory

BREAKING: New exclusion authority expected to be ‘force multiplier’ for CMS fraud enforcement

All Members

Federal officials, including Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. doubled down on plans to expand how and when skilled nursing and other providers can be excluded from the Medicare and Medicaid programs. [Read more...](#)

Officials singled out California and Minnesota and flagged HCBS, personal care, and home-

based services more broadly as high-risk services. The press conference delivered two main announcements:

1. HHS has deferred more than \$1 billion in Medicaid payments to California (\$867.5M) and Minnesota (\$199M). Note that these are deferrals, not a permanent funding cut. States may recover the funds by documenting that the claims meet federal requirements.
2. HHS reaffirmed that the Department and the HHS Office of Inspector General may exercise exclusion authorities as a tool to remove bad actors from the Medicare and Medicaid programs and permanently bar them from returning. See the HHS OIG Exclusion Database: <https://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/>

See the HHS press release: <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/hhs-defers-medicaid-payments-california-minnesota-fraud-review.html>

Watch the news conference: <https://www.c-span.org/program/news-conference/hhs-secy-kennedy-dr-oz-and-others-news-conference-on-combating-fraud/683173>

From our Bronze Sponsor-The Compliance Store: Take the Stress Out of Plan of Correction Writing

NF

Developing a compliant Plan of Correction (POC) after a survey can be one of the most time-consuming and stressful responsibilities for long-term care providers. With only a limited timeframe to prepare and submit a response, facility leadership can spend countless hours ensuring their corrective actions satisfy State agency expectations and regulatory requirements. What if you could significantly reduce the time and effort required to develop your Plans of Correction? That's where **POC+** from [The Compliance Store](#) (TCS) can help.

HHS preparing to implement federal work requirements and other changes to Medicaid program

All Members

North Dakota Health and Human Services has announced several federally required changes to the state's Medicaid program that will be phased in over the next two years.

The most significant change will take effect **January 1, 2027**, when many **Medicaid Expansion members ages 19–64** will be required to work, participate in an approved training or education program, or volunteer for at least 80 hours per month to maintain their coverage, unless they qualify for an exclusion.

HHS estimates that 5,000 to 7,000 Medicaid Expansion members will be affected by the new work requirements, while nearly half of the state's approximately 23,000 Expansion members are expected to qualify for an exclusion.

Additional changes to Medicaid include updates to eligibility categories, retroactive coverage, renewal reviews, and cost-sharing requirements for some members.

Members are encouraged to ensure their contact information is up to date with HHS so they receive important notices about these changes. Learn more at hhs.nd.gov/stayenrolled

CMS Implementing Face to Face Encounter Codes on Hospice Claims

Hospice

Beginning next year, hospices will report face-to-face encounters conducted by a hospice physician or hospice nurse practitioner for recertification via telecommunications technology on hospice claims. Code G0679 will be used to identify these encounters. This code is to be used for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2027 per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [Change Request 14495/Transmittal 13860 \(CR\)](#).

Advocacy

Upcoming Public Meetings

All Members

- Aug. 12 | 1 pm | [Olmstead Commission](#)
 - Aug. 19 | 1 pm | [Money Follows the Person External Partners](#)
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Workforce

Early Bird Registration Open for the 2026 Global Talent Summit

All Members

Early bird registration is now open for the 2026 Global Talent Summit, taking place **Thursday, September 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The summit brings together employers and workforce partners to explore strategies for recruiting, hiring, and retaining global talent.

[Register for the Global Talent Summit](#)

Funding Opportunities

Partner Spotlight:

Your Regional Development Council (RDC) Partners

All Members

HHS shares: You don't have to navigate RHTP alone.

Across North Dakota, our Regional Development Council (RDC) partners are helping communities turn ideas into strong applications and connect with the resources they need. Whether you're just starting to explore a funding opportunity or you're ready to submit an application, they're there to help.

RDC partners can answer questions about funding opportunities, explain application requirements, connect you with the right resources and provide high-level guidance throughout the application process. They also work closely with HHS to share what's happening in their regions, helping ensure communities stay informed and engaged as new opportunities become available.

Their goal is simple: help more rural communities access the resources available through RHTP.

Find your regional contact



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