



NDLTCA Newsletter

July 28, 2026

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NDLTCA Update

Another successful Summer Administrator Conference is in the books!

All Members

We were fortunate to enjoy wonderful weather at Chase on the Lake while welcoming 55 registrants and representatives from nearly all of our Gold and Platinum sponsors. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this year's conference such a success.

We are also grateful to the many outstanding presenters who shared their expertise, insights and practical strategies throughout the week. Pictured is Anna Olson from CMS, who joined us to provide an update on CMS activities and deregulation efforts.

Thank you to our attendees, presenters and sponsors for the conversations, connections and continued commitment to long term care. We hope everyone returned home with new ideas, valuable information and renewed energy!



Education

Help Shape Our 2027 Proactive Webinar Series

All Members

We're already planning our **2027 Proactive Webinar Series**, and we'd love your input!

What topics, speakers, or challenges would you like us to cover? Your feedback helps us develop timely, relevant educational opportunities that meet the needs of all of our members across North Dakota.

Please take a few minutes to complete our brief survey by **Tuesday, August 4**.

Take the Survey Here: <https://form.jotform.com/261825565640158>.

Thank you for sharing your ideas and helping us build another year of valuable educational programming!

Mental Health First Aid Training Opportunity

All Members

Quality Health Associates of ND has received funding to continue offering **Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)** training.

Since February 2023, we've trained **over 1,500 individuals** to recognize and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges. **This is the final year of this grant cycle, so now is a great time to share this opportunity with your colleagues or anyone who may benefit.**

About the training:

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

- Held via Zoom, roughly three times per month, usually on Thursdays from 8:30-3:30
- Training includes 2 hours of prework, a 6.5-hour virtual training, and a post-test with evaluation
- 8.5-8.75 CE credits available for nurses, EMS personnel, social workers, peace officers, counselors, peer support specialists, and massage therapists

This course is valued at \$170. Thanks to a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), learners may attend at no charge.

Register and view class dates: www.qualityhealthnd.org/contracts/mhfa

Thank you to our Gold Sponsor, Infinity Rehab! We appreciate your support!



Advocacy

CMS releases proposed rule on provider tax indirect hold harmless thresholds

All Members

The Center of Medicare and Medicaid Systems (CMS) has released a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#), which establishes new indirect hold harmless thresholds for health care-related taxes, also known as provider taxes. This proposed rule would implement the new indirect hold harmless requirements and codify the statutory limits on new and increased health care-related taxes. The proposed rule includes proposed regulatory revisions in the following areas:

- New definitions for key terms and technical revisions to the regulations to support implementation of the new indirect hold harmless thresholds.

- Revised interpretations of “enacted” and “imposed” in CMS’ preliminary guidance from 2025.
- Discontinuation of the 75/75 test.
- Establishment of services of health insurers as a permissible class for health care-related taxes.
- New requirements for states to submit detailed health care-related tax data to CMS.

Find CMS’ factsheet on the proposed rule [here](#). Comments are due **September 21, 2026** via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). NRHA is planning on submitting a comment on the proposed rule.

Prior Authorization Bill Passed by the House Ways & Means Committee

All Members

The bill formalizes many of CMS’ existing prior authorization requirements in statute, reinforcing their permanence and helping to promote more consistent implementation and adherence across Medicare Advantage plans. [Read More](#)



Latest News

All Members

- [Gap in federal grant money threatens North Dakota’s only fair-housing organization](#) (ND Monitor)
- [Secretary of State candidates say North Dakota elections are secure, fair and free](#) (ND Monitor)

- [Democrat withdraws from northeast North Dakota legislative race](#) (ND Monitor)
 - [Third round of FEMA funding aids 2025 storm recover for North Dakota](#) (ND Monitor)
 - [North Dakota lawmakers explore options for limited regulation of AI](#) (ND Monitor)
 - [Gov. Armstrong to vote against school meals ballot measure in November](#) (ND Monitor)
 - [Interim director appointed to lead North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality](#) (ND Monitor)
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Upcoming Calendar

All Members

Monday, August 10

- 10am (Roughrider Room) - **Joint: Tax Reform and Relief Advisory Committee - Property Tax Statement Subcommittee** ([Details](#)) ([Live Stream](#)) ([Roboro](#))

Wednesday, August 12

- 1pm (Harvest Room) - **Joint: Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board** ([Details](#)) ([Live Stream](#)) ([Roboro](#))

Thursday, August 13

- 9:30am (Minot State University, [500 University Avenue West](#)) - **Joint: Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Committee** ([Details](#)) ([Live Stream](#)) ([Roboro](#))
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Assisted Living

Save 25% on Assisted Living Resources—Ends July 31

AL & BC

SAVE 25% NOW

One Trusted Source. Two Essential Manuals.

Developed by NCAL, these customizable manuals help strengthen daily operations and prepare your community for emergencies.

Save on both manuals through July 31, 2026.

The image shows two manuals standing upright. The manual on the left is titled 'ASSISTED LIVING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PROCEDURE MANUAL' and features a green cover with a white cross and a red-to-yellow gradient at the bottom. The manual on the right is titled 'ASSISTED LIVING POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL' and has a green cover with a white house silhouette. Both manuals have the NCAL logo in the top right corner. The background of the advertisement is light gray with a subtle hexagonal pattern, and the top has a dark green header bar.

Workforce

TPS for Haitian Nationals Update

All Members

A federal appeals court temporarily blocked the Trump administration from ending protections for Haitian immigrants living in the United States from today until this Monday (July 27th).

More details can be found here: [Appeals court pauses end of TPS for Haitians through Monday - UPI.com](#)

Greater ND Chamber-August Policy Outlook

All Members

Find out how WSI partners with employers to reduce workplace injuries, improve return-to-work outcomes, and manage costs through tools like the Safety Management Program and Safety Action Menu. Attendees will hear how safety incentive programs reward proactive practices, strengthen workplace culture, and support long-term workforce stability.

The conversation will also explore the broader policy implications of maintaining a strong, financially sound WSI system and its role in supporting business success and economic growth across the state.

Details

- Tuesday, August 4th at 10:00 CT
- Speakers: Art Thompson, Director and Jane Wick, Director of Loss Control

- Cost: GNDC member exclusive – no cost to attend
 - [Registration is required.](#)
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Partnering Association

Long Term Care Social Workers of ND Membership

All Members

It is MEMBERSHIP TIME!!!

Any Social worker or Social Service's Designee is eligible to join our AMAZING group The LTCSWND....Membership is \$45 and our year is from 7/1/2026 until 6/30/2027. What does this group offer, you may ask, we are a group that helps anyone working in Social Services a great change to connect with others and help with policy questions, resident questions, or just casual networking.

You may either email Kelly Gustavson, LBSW LTCSWND president at kgustavson@stanleyhealth.org or Michelle Slaughter, Treasurer at socworker@marianmanorhc.com for a Membership form for this year's membership.

We also have a Membership meeting during both the Spring and Fall conferences that anyone is asked to attend, even if not a current member to just see what we are all about.

Quality

Quality Award Program Scam Alert: Plaque and Award Solicitations

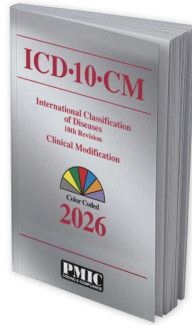
NF, BC, and AL

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program has been made aware of scam attempts targeting Bronze and Silver Quality Award recipients regarding plaque and award purchases.

What Recipients Should Know

- The **AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program purchases the official Bronze plaque or Silver crystal award directly from Awards Crafters** on behalf of recipients.
- These awards are shipped directly to the recipient facility's mailing address.
- **Facilities will not be asked and are not required to purchase a plaque or award.**
- Facilities interested in purchasing additional plaques or awards will have an opportunity to do so following Delivering Solutions 26, the AHCA/NCAL Convention and Expo in October 2026.

AHCA NCAL Publication



Code with Confidence in 2026

All Members

Help your coding team stay accurate and prepared with the 2026 ICD-10-CM manual. This essential reference brings updated codes, descriptions, guidelines, indexes, and tables together in one easy-to-use resource. [Learn more...](#)



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