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NDHA's 2024 Daisy Nurse Leader Award Nominations

The NDHA DAISY Nurse Leader Award was established to recognize and honor nurses who demonstrate exceptional leadership that aligns with the mission and values of the North Dakota Hospital Association.

In collaboration with the North Dakota Nurses Association, NDHA is now accepting nominations for the 2024 NDHA DAISY Nurse Leader Award and will announce the winner of the NDHA DAISY Nurse Leader Award at the NDHA Leadership Conference held on April 22-23, 2024, at the Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan, ND.

Deadline for nomination submissions is 3/1/24. Please review the linked criteria prior to submitting and use this link to complete the nomination form: https://forms.office.com/r/A59xXABeYz.

ND Department of Health & Human Services: 2024-2025 Influenza Pre-book

For the 2024- 2025 influenza season, all Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccines for Adults (VFA) influenza vaccine pre-booking will be done online. The online survey can be found on the North Dakota Department Health and Human Services (NDHHS) website.

Please complete the online influenza pre-book form by Friday, February 2, 2024.Influenza vaccine may not be provided to clinics who do not pre-book influenza vaccine. Please refer to the attached memo for additional information on pre-booking VFC influenza vaccine.

Providers will be able to prebook influenza vaccine for VFA-eligible un/underinsured adults (i.e., homeless population, refugees). Influenza vaccine that is prebooked by providers for VFC-eligible pediatric patients should not be used for the adult population. The VFC Program is an entitlement program, so if children are eligible to receive vaccine, they must be able to receive VFC vaccine.

Once the survey is submitted, your influenza vaccine pre-book has been placed with NDHHS. As usual, NDHHS asks all providers to print a copy of their submitted influenza vaccine pre-book to have on hand. The last page of the pre-booking survey will prompt providers to do this. Having a copy of your clinic's influenza vaccine pre-book will be helpful when vaccine begins to ship in early fall 2024.

Contact the NDHHS Immunization Unit at vaccine@nd.gov with any questions.

North Dakota Health Service Corp Loan Repayment Now Open

The North Dakota Primary Care Office within North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services is excited to announce the launch of the 2024 North Dakota Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program application cycle. The North Dakota Health Service Corps is comprised of four statewide support-for-service programs that provide financial support to selected healthcare providers who work in/with under served communities and populations.

North Dakota reminds new graduates and current practicing healthcare professionals who have honed their skills and talents here "at home" that promising careers in healthcare exist in North Dakota. North Dakota can assist with loan repayment opportunities for qualifying healthcare professionals. We'd love you to stay in North Dakota.

Who is eligible?

Professionals eligible for these support-for-service programs include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical psychologists, registered nurses,and pharmacists. Eligible behavioral health professions that also qualify include licensed addiction counselors, licensed professional counselors,licensed social workers, registered nurses, and behavioral analysts. Please refer to each individual loan repayment program for more information on the eligible disciplines and qualifications.

How to apply?

Please checkout North Dakota Primary Care Office website for information on the individual loan repayment programs, qualifications, and application requirements. Applications are open from January 15, 2024, to March31, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Kalee Werner, Director, Primary Care Office, at701-805-1071 or by email at kaleewerner@nd.gov.

NDHA Education Calendar

All times listed are Central time.

OSHA Hospital-Based First Receiver Training
Date: Various

- View description

2024 Nurse Leadership Webinar Series
Dates: January 25, February 22, March 25, May 6

- View description

January, 2024

Strategy or Just Surviving?
Date: January 30, 2024 | From: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

- View description

February, 2024

How to Appeal Insurance Claim Denials: Navigating the Maze
Date: 2/21/24 | From: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

- View description

Scout to See Ahead of the Game: Act Today to Create Tomorrow
Date: 2/29/24 | From: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

- View description

April, 2024

2024 Credentialing and Privileging Webinar Series with Kathy Matzka
Dates: Various | From: 10:30 a.m. - Noon

- View description

NDHA's 2024 C-Suite Leadership Conference
Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 3rd annual C-Suite Leadership Conference on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Mandan, ND. Hotel rooms will be available for the evening prior under the room block C-Suite Leadership. Please call the hotel directly at 701-663-7401 to make your reservations. There will be an evening social at the hotel from 6:00 - 9:00p.m. on April 22, 2024. More details to come soon!

Mental Health First Aid Training for Rural North Dakota Communities

QHA is providing Mental Health First Aid training to increase the capacity of rural communities, including the work forces of critical access hospitals, long term care facilities, and community service providers, to use an evidence-based practice to appropriately

recognize the signs and symptoms of individuals experiencing mental illness, to respond to acute needs and refer to additional available resources.

This training also seeks to increase utilization of available behavioral health resources by increasing awareness of resource linking services through the development of awareness campaigns and materials to be used by Mental Health First Aid trainees.

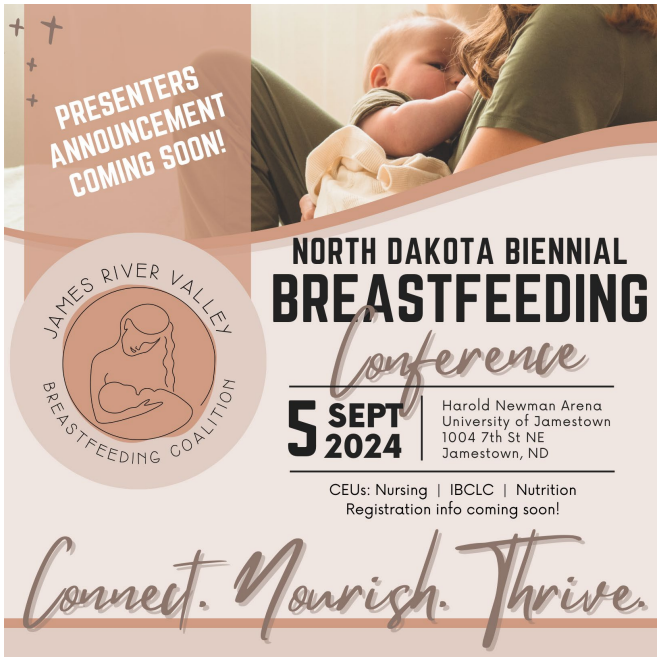
See the attached flyer or visit ND Healthcare Partners Events Calendar to view training dates.

CMS Finalizes Rule to Expand Access to Health Information and Improve the Prior Authorization Process

Final rule modernizes the healthcare system and reduces patient and provider burden by streamlining the prior authorization process.

As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing commitment to increasing health data exchange and strengthening access to care, the Centers for Medicare& Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule (CMS-0057-F) today. The rule sets requirements for Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) fee-for-service (FFS) programs, Medicaid managed care plans, CHIP managed care entities, and issuers of Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) offered on the Federally-Facilitated Exchanges, (collectively "impacted payers"), to improve the electronic exchange of health information and prior authorization processes for medical items and services. Together, these policies will improve prior authorization processes and reduce the burden on patients, providers, and payers, resulting in approximately $15 billion of estimated savings over ten years.

Read entire news release.



Sponsorship Info

Consider Membership with the ND Society for Healthcare Risk Management

You're invited to join the ND Society for Healthcare Risk Management (NDSHRM)! Checkout the linked letter below from the chapter president outlining the benefits of membership.

Letter

Sepsis Learning Collaborative by Telligen

Members of NDHA have been invited to attend a no-cost Sepsis Learning Collaborative hosted by Telligen. Telligen is a population health solutions company serving as the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma, under contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Telligen is also a Hospital Quality Improvement Contractor (HQIC) under CMS, providing quality improvement and technical assistance to rural and critical access hospitals in 15 states.

The Sepsis Learning Collaborative is a four-part series designed by Telligen in response to requests from HQIC and QIN-QIO hospitals, state hospital association partners, and nursing homes interested in learning more about the recently released Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements.

The series includes live presentations from subject matter experts, case study discussions, and guidance on using the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) Breakthrough Series model to support hospitals' sepsis program goals.

Attached is the flyer with the registration link.

The current QIN-QIO 12th SOW contracts end in November 2024, and the 13thSOW draft has significant changes. The draft SOW is available here: https://sam.gov/opp/1dffdcc0d62c4f6994b30834acaa4947/view.

Quality Health Associates (QHA), an associate member of NDHA, serves as the QIO for North Dakota and has partnered with Comagine Health to pursue the next 5-year CMS QIN-QIO contract.

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