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## NDHA's 2024 Daisy Nurse Leader Award Nominations

NDHA established the NDHA DAISY Nurse Leader Award in partnership with the North Dakota Nurses Association to recognize and celebrate nurses who exemplify exceptional leadership qualities that resonate with the mission and values of NDHA.

**The deadline for nominations is TODAY** (March 1) and you're encouraged to nominate a nurse leader from your organization.

Nomination Submission: You can submit your nomination by completing the form available at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/A59xXABeYz>.

The honoree will be recognized during the NDHA Leadership Conference, scheduled for April 22-23, 2024, at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Mandan, ND.

[The nomination criteria are linked here.](#)

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## **Message from HHS About an Ongoing Active Cybersecurity Threat to Your IT Resources**

In response to active exploitation of a cybersecurity vulnerability, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released an update to the joint advisory [#StopRansomware:ALPHV Blackcat](#) to provide new indicators of compromise (IOCs) and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) associated with the ALPHV Blackcat ransomware as a service (RaaS). ALPHV Blackcat affiliates have been observed primarily targeting the healthcare sector. Please make sure the linked message is seen and acted upon by the appropriate members of your organization, such as the IT department. We encourage those with networks to distribute this message to your networks.

For more information click here: [#StopRansomware:ALPHV Blackcat](#)

A new joint cybersecurity advisory from FBI, DHS/CISA, and HHS encourages organizations to take actions that mitigate the threat of ransomware. This advisory provides updates to the BlackCat/ALPHV Ransomware Indicators of Compromise released April 19, 2022, and to the advisory released December 19, 2023.

[Read the Advisory](#)

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## **Registration is Now Open for the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule Education Session**

On January 17, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [released a final rule](#) to enhance access to health information and streamline prior authorization processes for medical items and services.

CMS's Office of Burden Reduction & Health Informatics will host a virtual education session on March 26, 2024, from Noon to 1:00 PM CT on the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule. Questions can be submitted beforehand via the [registration form](#). Registration will remain open through March 25, however, please register by March 19 to ensure consideration of any submitted questions.

**Who Should Attend?** Patients, providers, and administrative, health IT, and government affairs professionals

**Event Objectives:** This event will provide an opportunity for participants to:

- Learn about the provisions in the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule.
- Hear how the final rule builds on current CMS interoperability policies.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. If you receive a message indicating that the event is full, please keep an eye out for an email after the event which will contain a link to both a recording of the presentation as well as a transcript.

To learn more, review the fact sheet and final rule. Please reach out to [CMSInteroperability@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CMSInteroperability@cms.hhs.gov) with any additional questions.

**COMING SOON**  
**STAY TUNED**

**Agenda & Registration**  
for NDHA's 3rd Annual  
C-Suite Leadership  
Conference!

**PLUS:**  
Limited opportunities for one-on-one coaching sessions with coaching expert Jeanne Masseth, Legacy Talent Agency.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

- David Wasserman, elections analyst with The Cook Political Report

**ON THE AGENDA....**

- Martie Ross, PYA, P.C.
- State legislator panel with Rep. Jon Nelson and Sen. Judy Lee.
- Workplace violence presentation.
- Presentation on the hot topic of Cybersecurity!

## NDHA Education Calendar

All times listed are Central time.

## OSHA Hospital-Based First Receiver Training

Limited to 30 spots at each location to sign up soon!

### Dates:

- Bismarck – February 27 – CHI St. Alexius **\*BEING RESCHEDULED**
- Minot – February 28 – Trinity Health **\*BEING RESCHEDULED**
- Jamestown – March 5 – Jamestown Regional Medical Center
- Dickinson – March 7 – CHI St. Alexius
- Hazen – March 26 – Sakakawea Medical Center
- Grand Forks – April 10 – Altru Health

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## 2024 Nurse Leadership Webinar Series

### Dates:

1/25/24: Finance 101 for the Non-Financial Leader (recording)

2/22/24: Keys to FMLA & ADA Compliance (recording)

3/25/24: Mentor's Supercharge

5/6/24: NDHA Legislative Update & Advocacy 101

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- *Webinars are recorded so you can sign up any time and receive the link to any webinars you may have missed!*

## March, 2024

### Empowering Rural Care: Dynamic Staffing Solutions and Retention

Date: 3/19/24 | From: Noon - 1:00 p.m. **FREE for NDHA Members Only**

- [View description](#)

## April, 2024

### 2024 Credentialing and Privileging Webinar Series with Kathy Matzka

Dates: Various | From: 10:30 a.m. - Noon

- [View description](#)

## May, 2024

### Revenue Growth and Success in the Modern Healthcare Market

Date: 5/1/24 | From: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. **FREE for NDHA Members Only**

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