

# NDLTCA Issue Brief

## Long Term Care Facilities Impacted by the Energy Boom



### Long Term Care Needs:

- Sufficient staffing, available/affordable housing and daycare are the top issues facing long term care facilities in the energy producing counties.
- Nursing turnover and vacant positions are at record highs.
- Nursing facilities in North Western North Dakota utilized contract nursing agencies at very high costs to provide daily resident care, because permanent staff are not available.

### Four Solutions that will Help:

1. Six Million Dollar Grant Program for Long Term Care.
2. Increase Funding for Affordable Housing for Essential Workers.
3. Increase Funding and Access to Daycare for Essential Workers.
4. Do Not Offset Local Tax Revenues for Communities Who Wish to Use it for Their Long Term Care Facility.



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**NDLTCA Legislative Priorities**  
**Action by the NDLTCA Legislative Committee**  
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Issue	Member-ship Vote
Support a 4% annual inflator for basic care and nursing facilities.	Approved
Maintain the nursing facility operating margin and incentive. Any payment system change regarding Quality Measures must contain additional funding.	Approved
Support a \$6 million grant program (based on need) for those facilities experiencing the negative impacts of the energy boom.	Approved
Support mobile dental equipment grants to increase access to dental service for long term care residents. NDLTCA will not initiate legislation, however will support the work of a group advocacy for dental access in long term care.	Approved
Support the nursing facility and basic care moratorium, as well as basic care expansion based upon unmet need.	Approved
Propose legislation to create a requirement for contract nurse agency registration and standards.	Approved
Support communities who pass a sales tax for their long term care facility to not have this revenue offset in their nursing facility cost report.	Approved
Continue to support reciprocal duty of support between adult children and parents.	Approved
Continue to support the sales tax exemption for assisted living, basic care and nursing facilities.	Approved

Topics yet to be voted on by Legislative Committee that will be forwarded to the December 2014 Membership Meeting:		
<i>Assisted Living</i>	<i>Basic Care</i>	<i>Nursing Facility</i>
<p>Support additional regulations and standards for assisted living facilities.</p> <p>Clarify secured (locked) units must attain basic care or nursing facility licensure.</p> <p>Allow end-of-life care, as long as a service plan can be implemented to meet needs of tenant.</p> <p>Support continued regulations of assisted living through the Department of Human Services.</p>	<p>Support new basic care limits of 95<sup>th</sup> percentile facility for Direct Care and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile facility for Indirect Care.</p> <p>Oppose any occupancy limitation.</p> <p>Support administrator salary limitation at the nursing facility level.</p> <p>Pursue six months of bad debt, following the same parameters of the nursing facility collection process.</p> <p>Expand therapeutic leave days to 30 rather than the current 15 days.</p>	<p>Review Nursing Facility Asset Limit</p> <p>Nursing Facility Nurse Scholarship/Loan Repayment (allow more per year in cost report/maintain \$15,000 maximum)</p> <p>Support updating the nursing facility construction standards from the 92-93 code to the most current code (NDAC 33-07-04.2-09).</p>