

Chapter News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here at MIMDA we hope that you are able to enjoy some of our beautiful Michigan Summer. My own family comes in from wherever they are to join us in northern Michigan for some lake fun and to explore northern Michigan. The sunsets are amazing.

List here are some of the Summer updates:

HCAM (the Health Care Association of Michigan) encourages your facility to join the prestigious AHCA/NCAL Quality Award Program. It is based on the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award Program and utilizes the same criteria. The LTC version of the program has actually grown to be larger than the original Baldrige program. AMDA has been involved for many years. *If the leadership team at your facility is interested in participating please contact Cathy Sunlin, the CEO of HCAM at CathySunlin@hcam.org.*

The Ohio Medical Directors Association (OMDA) is offering our members free access to their weekly webinar “Congregate Care Call” that occurs every Thursday at 8am. Listen to experts on a variety of topics in our field. We will publish a monthly list of the upcoming topics. *To participate just email Jeannine Windbigler at jeannine@ohiomda.org to receive the link for the individual session.*

The Moving Forward Initiative has come to Michigan! It is a nationwide movement whose vision is that every nursing home will be a community in which lives are nurtured, residents are empowered, and people want to work. Its mission is to make vital changes in policy and practice through the power of bringing diverse voices together now. *To find out more about it and join a committee or work on a specific action plan (which will be rolled out in the next weeks), please sign up on the website movingforwardcoalition.org.*

Updates on infection prevention in skilled nursing facilities
Our Executive Director, Audrey, and I met with Dr. Trini Mathews and Dr. Paul Kilgore, infectious disease experts from the Center for Emerging Infectious Disease (CEID) at Wayne State. They have a grant from MDHHS to work on infection control in Detroit nursing facilities, particularly Candida auris.

If you work at a Detroit facility, please reach out to them and engage your team/leadership with their program
Paulkilgore@wayne.edu or tamathew01@yahoo.com

They have offered to present updates for us on the current status of Candida auris, and are available to provide assistance in management across the state.

Finally, watch for the August edition of Caring Through the Ages, as our Michigan chapter will be spotlighted!

We at MIMDA hope that you're able to engage in some of these valuable opportunities.

Cheryl Huckins, MD CMD

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EDUCATION

REGISTER NOW! 2023 MIMDA Conference

September 29 –30

Courtyard Marriott Downtown
Grand Rapids, Michigan

This year MIMDA is also providing a Bootcamp for providers in post-acute and long-term care. A “must” for folks entering practice in the extended care world, it will provide pearls of wisdom for veterans as well.

Details & registration available at: [MIMDA Twenty-Seventh Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

Reserve your hotel room now: A block of rooms has been reserved until Wednesday, August 30, 2023. After this date, rooms will be released, and reservations will be made at the regular rate.

Call the reservations department at 1-877-901-6632 or book online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/50528448>

2023 Annual Ohio Long Term Care Symposium

MIMDA members offered the Ohio member registration rate (\$300 physicians, \$250 non-physicians for 11.5 hours CME/CMD)

August 25-26

Marriott Columbus Northwest
Dublin, Ohio

Information: [2023 Annual Ohio Long Term Care Symposium](#)

OMDA Congregate Care Group

MIMDA members are invited to join OMDA's weekly webinar hosted by the Ohio chapter Thursdays at 8:00 am. Below is the schedule thru August 10th.

August 3 - Perpetual Winds of Change, Patty O'Shea, MEd, LSW, Bereavement Counselor, Gentiva Hospice

August 10 - MDS, Certs, Reimbursement, PEPR Report, Scott Heichel, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-CTA, DNS-CT, IPCO, QCP, ICC, Director of Clinical Reimbursement, LeaderStat

For the Zoom calendar invite, contact Jeannine Windbigler at jeannine@ohiomda.org

MIMDA OPPORTUNITIES

This is an exciting time for our chapter. Our board is committed to growth in the areas of education, advocacy and membership. We invite you to work with us as we strive to improve practice and patient care. Please consider getting involved in one of our initiatives:

- **Education:** development of topics for webinars and annual conference
- **Advocacy:** working with state organizations to address issues that impact post-acute and long-term care
- **Membership:** we seek to increase our chapter membership for the benefit of providers that work in post-acute and long-term care.

As stated by Cheryl Huckins in a previous spotlight, *“I think one of the most important benefits of membership in MIMDA is the connectivity with other providers, and together working collaboratively to resolve issues faced in our space.”*

CARE QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES

Updates on infection prevention in skilled nursing facilities *provided by colleagues of WSU-CEID*

Drs. Trini Mathew and Paul Kilgore *in partnership with MDHHS Surveillance for Healthcare Associated and Resistant Pathogens (SHARP) unit*

Top four things to know about Candida auris in Michigan:

1. MDHHS has multiple resources for MDROs including Candida auris (www.michigan.gov/hai)
2. MDHHS provides the weekly updates on C. auris (MDHHS Candida auris Surveillance Updates)
 - a. As of July 24th, there were 311 cases identified in Michigan including in LTACH and SNFs
 - b. C. auris is resistant to Fluconazole; but the echinocandins (Caspofungin, Micafungin) can be used
3. Enhanced Barrier Precautions need to be used in skilled nursing facilities if there are concerns of Multidrug Resistant Organisms including C. auris. This is different from Contact Isolation used in acute care settings (MDHHS EBP Resources)
4. The MDHHS Surveillance for Healthcare Associated and Resistant Pathogens (SHARP) Unit can be a great resource for the reporting, investigation, and containment of MDROs

For more information, contact

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HCAM National Quality Award Program

HCAM, the Health Care Association of Michigan, and a chapter of the American Health Care Association (ACHA), has asked us to spread the word on the National Quality Award Program. This is a highly respected 3-tiered honor that long term care and assisted living facilities can apply for, to demonstrate their excellence in the quality arena.

Applications for the 2024 awards opened at the end of June.

Discuss with your administrator today.

<https://www.ahcancal.org/Quality/National-Quality-Award-Program/Pages/default.aspx>

AMDA's Moving Needles project offers \$300 as token of appreciation for help fielding a brief survey with frontline staff

Moving Needles - a project of AMDA - is looking for facilities that would be willing to help field a 10-15 minute paper survey of frontline staff working within nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The purpose of the survey is to understand training and education preferences, as well as thoughts on vaccination. The results will be used to develop information, education, and training based on those preferences and thoughts.

Facilities who participate will be asked to field the survey with frontline staff such as certified nursing assistants, food service workers, custodians, and others who work directly with residents. The paper survey will be returned to AMDA via postage paid boxes. Those who respond to the survey will be provided with a \$15 gift card, and facilities who administer the survey will receive \$300 as a token of appreciation.

If you would be willing to help field this survey in your facility/facilities, please fill out this

form: https://amda.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3elcfKqW4gDYLga

We greatly appreciate your assistance in informing vaccine education and training for frontline staff. If you have any questions, please contact esobczyk@paltc.org.



June 21, 2023

To all controlled substance licensees:

Most practitioners are now aware that Congress has passed the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act that removed the federal “DATA 2000” or “DATA-Waiver Program,” and the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act that established a one-time training on substance use disorder for practitioners who prescribe controlled substances when they obtain or renew their Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration. In light of these changes, which are intended to educate practitioners and reduce barriers to obtaining medications for opioid use disorder (OUD) by eliminating burdens on providers who currently prescribe medications and new providers who wish to treat patients with OUD, the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) would like to convey the following corresponding changes at the state level:

- The new DEA one-time 8-hour training requirement is effective June 27, 2023. Effective on this date, or the date on which the DEA requires the 8-hour training in the event the effective date is delayed, and until further notice, a practitioner required to attend a one-time opioid and controlled substances awareness training by the state’s Controlled Substances Rules, may use the 8 hours of training that is accepted by the DEA for their controlled substances registration to also meet the state’s required one-time training on opioids and other controlled substances awareness.
- In addition, R 338.3163 that limits prescribing, dispensing and administering a controlled substance to an individual with a substance use disorder will not be enforced by BPL until the rule is either modified or rescinded. This rule limited the circumstances under which a practitioner could treat an individual with substance use disorder, as well as the number of individuals that could be treated. All other laws and rules, both federal and state, must still be followed.

For more information about the elimination of the DATA-Waiver Program, and DEA’s 8-hour substance disorder training, please refer to the following websites:

- <https://www.samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders/removal-data-waiver-requirement>
- https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html
- [MATE Training Letter Final.pdf \(usdoj.gov\)](#)

Questions may be sent to BPLHelp@michigan.gov.

Thank you,

Bureau of Professional Licensing
Licensing Division

Changing Talk (CHAT) communication training program

A message from University of Kansas School of Nursing faculty:

Dr. Kristine Williams and I from the University of Kansas School of Nursing are seeking nursing homes nationwide to participate in a NIH-funded research study testing a new online version of the evidence-based Changing Talk (CHAT) communication training program.

CHAT educates staff about reducing elderspeak (infantilizing communication) and results in reduced behavioral symptoms and need for psychotropic medication for residents with dementia. The new online version (Changing Talk: Online Training (CHATO)) consists of 3; one-hour interactive online modules that provide flexible and accessible access for staff.

There is no cost, direct-care staff can earn 3 contact hours, and all staff get a Certificate of Completion. Benefits to you, your staff, and your residents include:

- A person-centered approach.
- Education about elderspeak and better communication strategies.
- Reduction in resistiveness to care and other behavioral symptoms in residents with dementia.
- Reduction in the need for psychotropic medication.
- Convenient, online educational format for busy nursing homes.
- Qualifies for CMS dementia care training hours requirements.
- A free, nonpharmacological, evidence-based intervention is an excellent addition to a Quality Improvement Plan.

Please see our [website](#) to learn more about CHATO, sign up for an info meeting, and view our training resources and research.

Please share this information with your network and nursing home colleges. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us for more information and to discuss this opportunity further.

Sincerely,

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CMS UPDATE

Requirements for Hospital Discharges to Post-Acute Care Providers -

Memo from CMS to State Survey Agency Directors on June 6, 2023:

“CMS is committed to ensuring that the health and safety of patients are protected when discharges from hospitals and transfers to post-acute care providers occur.

Therefore, we are providing the following information:

- Reminding state agencies (SAs), accrediting organizations (AOs), and hospitals of the regulatory requirements for discharges and transfers to post-acute care providers.
- Highlighting the risks to patients’ health and safety that can occur due to an unsafe discharge.
- Recommendations that hospitals can leverage to improve their discharge policies and procedures to improve and protect patients’ health and safety.”

For more information <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-16-hospitals.pdf>

CODING REMINDER

Effective since October of 2022, **K76.82** is the new diagnosis code for patients with hepatic encephalopathy (HE). HE is a complication of cirrhosis, a severe form of liver disease, which can be difficult to diagnose.

Urgency is key, as data has shown that HE patients who are readmitted within 30 days after hospital discharge have a 20% 1-year mortality rate. The launch of **K76.82** is important to help better understand HE and address gaps in care. Widespread adoption of the **K76.82 code** may help ensure the diagnosis is documented correctly, address confusion concerning coverage criteria, and impact clinical management of the disease.

The proper documentation of an HE diagnosis may also help advance efforts to ensure patients’ clinical management is appropriate.

For more information about HE, health care providers can visit [LiverHealthNow.com](https://www.liverhealthnow.com)

What is K76.82: A New ICD-10-CM assigned to Hepatic Encephalopathy (HE)

K76.82 is the important new ICD-10-CM diagnosis code for hepatic encephalopathy (HE) that may improve patient identification and address gaps in care

- HE is a complication of cirrhosis, a severe form of liver disease. Early HE symptoms can start slowly and may go unnoticed and include both mental and physical decline
- Effective since October 1, 2022 – which coincidentally is Liver Awareness Month – the code is available for use by physicians, nurses, medical coders, and others covered by the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

Why is this Important?

- Up to 80% of cirrhosis patients may eventually develop some form of HE ranging from minimal to overt
- **76.82** is specific to HE. Multiple non-specific disease codes are currently used to monitor patients with this condition
- A quick, widespread adoption of the use of **K76.82** may help ensure HE diagnosis is documented correctly which may address confusion concerning coverage criteria and may impact clinical management of the disease
- The proper documentation of an HE diagnosis can help advance efforts to ensure patients' clinical management is appropriate

For more information about HE and to find resources that may help, health care professionals can visit [LiverHealthNow.com](https://www.liverhealthnow.com). Additionally, to view current trends in chronic liver disease and HE, read the 2022 Liver Health Annual Trends report published by Salix this October in time for Liver Awareness Month. The report is available here at www.liverhealthnow.com/trendsreport

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Earn Credits With PALTC23 Sessions

Did you miss AMDA's annual conference this past March? Don't worry—you can still earn credits for the general and concurrent sessions by [purchasing the recordings](#). CME, CMD, and MOC credits are available. Recordings are accessible through February 2026.

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