ACT FOR OLDER ADULTS
OLDER LIVES ARE NOT EXPENDABLE

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### FIVE ESSENTIAL ACTIONS

1. **Immediate access to ample and appropriate PPE for all providers who serve older Americans.**

2. **On-demand and fully-funded access to accurate and rapid-results testing.**

3. **Assurance that states will consider older Americans’ health and safety as they reopen.**

4. **Funding and support for aging services providers across the continuum of care.**

5. **Ensure pandemic hero pay, paid sick leave, and health care coverage to recognize the heroic frontline workers who are risking their own lives serving older people during this crisis.**
Cross cutting issues in nursing homes

Access to Affordable and Appropriate PPE
- Protect staff and residents; essential elements of infection control
- Prioritization
- Congress must ensure sufficient quantity and protect against price gouging

Federally Funded National Testing Strategy
- National strategy
- Frequent and rapid staff testing
- Cost covered

Provider Relief Funds
- Money to pay for PPE, lost revenue, sustainability

Staffing
- On the front lines
- Pandemic pay critical recruit/retain/respect

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# Nursing Home Specific Asks

## Supports
- COVID-specific homes
- Strike force teams
- QIOs
- Funding
- Inclusion

## Telehealth waivers
- Televisitation
- Allowing telehealth in urban settings
- Identifying best practices

## Staffing
- Pandemic pay
- Recruit surge staffing
- Eliminate unnecessary restrictions on in-house nurse aid training programs

## Reporting
- One reporting mechanism
- Demographics
- Use to understand and address pandemic in nursing homes

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Affordable Senior Housing: HUD’s Section 202 and Section 8 Programs

750,000+ older adults
• 12,000+ apartment communities

At-risk older adults
• 17% over 85 years old
• more likely than their non-HUD assisted peers to have chronic health conditions
• 38.2% are Black, compared to 21.4% of all renters

Financial Strain
• 79% under financial strain
• Cleaning, disinfecting, PPE, staffing, services, security, insurance, etc.

CARES Act
• $50M - $150M for affordable senior housing
• CARES Act
• Financial relief needs have accumulated and continue
## Affordable Senior Housing: HUD’s Section 202 and Section 8 Programs

### $1.2 billion in relief in HR 6873, S 4177

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| $845 million| • Cleaning  
• Disinfecting  
• PPE  
• Staffing  
• Services  
• Security  
• Insurance  
• ETC |
| $300 million| • Service Coordinators  
• ½ of HUD-assisted seniors housing |
| $50 million | • Wireless internet  
• Installation & service fees in apartments  
• Social isolation  
• Telehealth  
• Programs & services |
| $7 million  | • HUD’s Integrated Wellness in Supportive Housing demonstration |

### HEROES Act

- $700M+ for multifamily affordable senior housing
- $300M for Service Coordinators
## Cross cutting issues in home and community based care

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<td>• Continuing current changes to capture progress and ensure access&lt;br&gt;• Some providers still left out</td>
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