



ACT FOR OLDER ADULTS

OLDER LIVES ARE **NOT** EXPENDABLE

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FIVE ESSENTIAL ACTIONS



1



PPE

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

2



Testing

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

3



Safe Reopening

Assurance that states will consider older Americans' health and safety as they reopen.

4



Funding

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

5



Frontline Workers

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

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

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

| \$845 million | \$300 million | \$50 million | \$7 million |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleaning• Disinfecting• PPE• Staffing• Services• Security• Insurance• ETC | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service Coordinators• ½ of HUD-assisted seniors housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wireless internet• Installation & service fees in apartments• Social isolation• Telehealth• Programs & services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

Access to Affordable and Appropriate PPE

- Protect elders in the community and those who serve them
- Prioritization
- Congress must ensure sufficient quantity, quality, and protect against price gouging

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Telehealth

- Continuing current changes to capture progress and ensure access
- Some providers still left out

Setting Specific Asks

Home Health

- Payment for care delivery via telehealth
- Verbal orders

Hospice

- Respite care flexibility
- Permanent ability to do f2f recertification via telehealth

PACE

- Audio only visits and risk adjustment

Adult Day

- Dedicated funding to ensure survival and ability to reopen

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