



Senior Housing Weekly

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Weekly Housing Advisory Group Call: Intergenerational Housing, Service Coordinator Updates, Eviction Moratorium, Vaccine Mandates, and more. Join us on Monday, August 30, for our regular Housing Advisory Group call. We'll be joined by a guest speaker on intergenerational housing, and we can share new HUD updates on Service Coordinator and IWISH grants. We'll also continue our discussion on the broader impacts of vaccine mandates for certain aging services staff. Finally, we'll discuss the early end to the eviction moratorium. LeadingAge hosts Housing Advisory Group calls every Monday at 12:30pm ET, and any LeadingAge member can join. Email Linda (LCouch@leadingage.org) or Juliana (JBilowich@leadingage.org) to learn more.

Upcoming COVID-19 Update Calls for the Continuum, Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30pm ET: How to handle breakthrough COVID cases. And, do any of us really need boosters? All update calls are at 3:30 PM, ET. On **Monday, August 30**, we will welcome LeadingAge member **Barbara Thomas, CEO of Kendal at Oberlin** who will talk about her recent experience with breakthrough COVID-19 cases and the lessons learned from the experience. On **Wednesday, September 1**, **Dr. Monica Gandhi, a perennial favorite speaker on our update calls**, will outline her thinking and rationale about whether boosters are needed and provide candid advice on what is happening with COVID-19. If you haven't registered for the calls on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30pm ET, you can do so [here](#).

HUD Leadership to Join LeadingAge Call. On Wednesday, September 8, **Richard Cho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services in HUD's Office of the Secretary, and Ethan Handelman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing**, will join LeadingAge's update call for members. The call will cover HUD efforts to expand the Section 202 program and integrate services into older adult housing. The call will take place as part of LeadingAge's regular COVID-19 update calls for the continuum of aging services providers on Mondays and Wednesday at 3:30pm ET. If you haven't registered for the calls, [you can do so here](#).

Supreme Court Ends Eviction Moratorium; LeadingAge One-Pager on Eviction Prevention. The Supreme Court ended the CDC's current eviction moratorium more than 5 weeks ahead of its expiration date on October 3, calling it an "unlawful" act by the agency. The ruling puts hundreds of thousands of renters at risk for eviction; LeadingAge members can take action now to prevent evictions among older adults. More information about the Supreme Court ruling and the impacts on older adults is available [here](#); LeadingAge has also published a new [one-pager on eviction prevention for older adults](#).

Senior Housing Providers, Other Aging Services to Plan Booster Shot Clinics. With the Delta variant surging in many parts of the country, booster doses of a COVID-19 vaccine may be needed to maintain strong viral protections. Subject to approval by the FDA and recommendation by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), COVID-19 boosters will potentially be available for eligible vaccinated individuals, including health care providers, residents of long-term care communities, and other older adults. Unlike with the initial rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, CDC will NOT be coordinating clinics for booster shots; affordable senior housing providers, home and community based services

providers, and other aging services providers should work with pharmacies directly to start planning shot clinics or booster shot access in the broader community for residents and staff. More info [here](#).

House-Passed Budget Resolution Paves Way for Affordable Housing, Services Investments. The House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Resolution, which sets the stage for Congress to consider \$3.5 trillion in "care economy" infrastructure investments. Included for consideration are billions for affordable housing and home and community based services (HCBS) investments benefitting older adults. The effort could also advance key policy changes for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, which funds the majority of new affordable housing development across the country. The House committees plan to complete their work after Labor Day, which leaves only a small window for advocacy on behalf of older adults. LeadingAge is advocating for bold investments in housing, services, and other priorities, and LeadingAge members can easily add their voice during this critical time. More info [here](#).

Advocacy Needed by Housing Providers: Urge Lawmakers to Support Once-In-A-Decade Investments in Senior Housing. As Congress continues its large-scale infrastructure efforts, our advocacy task is to make sure that legislation includes robust but essential investments for the aging services community. [Please take a minute to fill out our advocacy alert form in support of our affordable housing priorities](#) and other aging services priorities:

- \$7.5 billion for HUD's Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program to expand the supply of affordable senior housing, increase the number of Service Coordinators, allow for age-friendly building retrofits, extend the IWISH demonstration program, and provide internet in HUD-assisted homes.
- \$400 billion for Home and Community-Based Services, including: sufficient funding to identify and serve older people who are eligible, increasing FMAP for HCBS by 10 points for 10 years, double investment in Older Americans Act supportive services, connecting HCBS and HUD-assisted units, incentivizing states to expand the PACE model, and investing in new models of care to support older adults in home and community.
- Enhanced federal investment in the LTSS workforce across the entire continuum of aging services, in order to support recruitment, training, advancement opportunities, and increased wages. Ensure equity in access to increased workforce funding across payment systems.
- Expansion of Medicare to include dental, hearing, and vision services.

Additional Payments for Vaccinations in a Home Setting. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) said it is providing additional payments to healthcare providers who administer doses to multiple residents in a home setting. Providers can receive the increased payment up to five times when fewer than 10 Medicare beneficiaries get the vaccine on the same day in the same home or communal setting. CMS said the goal of the initiative is to boost the administration of the COVID-19 vaccination — including second and third doses — in smaller group homes, assisted living facilities and other group living situations. More information [here](#).

Town Hall Summary: Member Concerns about Vaccine Mandates. This week, LeadingAge hosted an all-member Town Hall to discuss the federal government’s recent vaccine mandate announcement for certain aging services staff, as well as LeadingAge’s policy position and advocacy on the issue. A summary article of the event will be available [here](#).

Possibility of COVID-19 Illness After Vaccination. Earlier this week, CDC [updated the page on the possibility of COVID-19 illness](#) after vaccination . COVID-19 vaccines protect people against severe illness, including disease caused by Delta and other variants circulating in the U.S. COVID-19 vaccines protect people from getting infected and severely ill, and significantly reduce the likelihood of hospitalization and death.