



## Senior Housing Weekly

June 25, 2021

**Monday, June 28, Housing Advisory Group Call.** Join us for our regular LeadingAge Housing Advisory Group calls on Mondays at 12:30pm ET. On June 28, we'll be joined by a special guest to discuss partnerships between affordable housing communities and hospice providers. Advance questions still welcome. Any member can join the Housing Advisory Group by adding it to their account's Online Subscriptions or by emailing [Linda](#) or [Juliana](#).

**Coronavirus Update Calls: Frontline worker recruitment, retention, communication; perceptions of older adults about LTSS and post-acute care.** Join LeadingAge for COVID-19 update calls for the continuum of aging services on Mondays and Wednesdays. **Monday, June 28** we will have an engaging discussion on how we can help to support and strengthen certified nurse aides and other front line staff. **Lori Porter**, CEO of the National Association of Health Care Assistants (NAHCA) will help us unpack the challenges of frontline staff recruitment and provide best practices for LeadingAge members to retain staff. Stay tuned for an update on Wednesday's call; all calls are at 3:30 PM ET. If you haven't signed up yet, you can join the calls by [registering here](#).

**CDC Extends Eviction Moratorium by One Month.** On June 24, the CDC extended the federal eviction moratorium, set to expire on June 30, until July 31, to give states more time to distribute as much of the \$47 billion provided by Congress for the Emergency Rental Assistance program and to give more time to get vaccination rates up in some geographies. On June 22, 44 House Representatives sent a letter to the President Biden and CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, urging extension of the moratorium. "Without further action, in just eight days, the CDC moratorium will expire, and millions of renters will once again face the threat of eviction," the letter said. New guidance from the Department of Treasury is also expected soon to help streamline the Emergency Rental Assistance program. Read more in this [article](#).

**Eviction Prevention Resources for HUD-Assisted Housing.** HUD has made an updated brochure available to address tenant rent concerns related to the (now) July 31 ending of the national eviction moratorium for nonpayment of rent. The July 31 sunset date will remove housing protections for qualifying renters, except where covered by additional state or local eviction protections. Nationwide, 14% of adult renters were behind on rent as of early June, with deep disparities based on race, age, and other demographics. More data on housing cost burdens and evictions, as well as strategies for preventing evictions in HUD-assisted housing, are available [here](#).

**Senators Ask for More Section 202 Housing.** Thirty-four Senators have signed a letter to Senate HUD Appropriations Chair Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-ME) requesting "full funding for contract renewals for the Section 202 Housing for the Elderly program and an additional \$600 million for new construction of 202 units to keep up with increasing need." The letter reflects LeadingAge's ask for fiscal year 22 funding for new Section 202 homes. The June 23 letter, led by Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), was also signed by Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Angus King (I-ME), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Jon Tester (D-MT), Edward Markey (D-MA), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Richard Blumenthal (D-

CT), Gary Peters (D-MI), Robert Casey (D-PA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Jack Reed (D-RI), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Margaret Hassan (D-NH), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Bernie Sanders (D-VT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Chris Coons (D-DE). LeadingAge thanks these Senators for their advocacy and support for HUD's Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. Read the letter [here](#).

**HUD Proposes to Reinstate Disparate Impact Rule.** On June 25, HUD issued a [proposed rule](#) to cancel the disparate impact rule changes brought by the Trump administration in 2020, instead reinstating the agency's 2013 disparate impact requirements. Because the 2020 rule never took effect, HUD's regulatory action simply recodifies the 2013 Disparate Impact rule. Comments on the proposed rule to reaffirm disparate impact are due to HUD by August 24.

**Infrastructure: Expand Housing Supply, Bring Services to Older Adults.** In a June 21 with HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge and other HUD officials, LeadingAge expressed our support for the affordable housing components of President Biden's American Jobs Plan infrastructure proposal, particularly those related to expanding the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly and Project-Based Rental Assistance programs. Included in the proposal's \$2 billion for HUD's Section 202 program is \$10 million to establish an interagency technical assistance effort to support state-level efforts to design coordinated, wrap-around supports for residents of Section 202 and other low income senior housing. HUD, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, the Administration on Community Living, and other HHS agencies would provide 12 months of technical assistance for up to eight states (selected by a competitive solicitation) in each of five years. Read more in this [article](#).

**President, Bipartisan Group of Senators Agree to First Piece of Infrastructure Package.** This week, President Biden joined a bipartisan group of Senators to endorse a \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework. The plan includes infrastructure investments with an emphasis on simultaneously combatting climate change and expanding racial equity. President Biden, during a White House event to announce the long-negotiated agreement, made clear it is one or two parts of his infrastructure vision. The second part, which Congress must accomplish separately through its reconciliation process due to lack of Republican support, must occur "in tandem" with any passage of Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework outlined this week, President Biden said, publicly committing to a two-track system to get both bills passed. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework includes funding to modernize and expand transit and rail networks, repair and rebuild roads and bridges, build a national network of electric vehicle chargers along highways and in rural and disadvantaged communities, electrify thousands of school and transit buses, eliminate the nation's lead service lines and pipes to deliver clean drinking water to up to ten million American families and more than 400,000 schools and child care facilities that currently don't have it, connect every American to reliable high-speed internet, and upgrade the nation's power infrastructure. The second part, to be accomplished via the reconciliation process, is expected to include the affordable housing, Home and Community Based Services, and other "care economy" pieces of the Biden Administration's American Jobs Plan. Read more about the announcement [here](#). Read more about LeadingAge's goals for the parallel American Jobs Plan infrastructure [package](#).

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**Elder Justice Protection Act passes House.** The [Elder Justice Protection Act](#) (HR 2922), came up for vote under suspension of the rules on June 22 (essentially, by voice vote). This bill requires the Department of Justice to establish a permanent Elder Justice Initiative to coordinate the agency’s efforts to combat elder abuse, fraud and neglect; designates an elder justice coordinator to support the initiative’s law enforcement efforts and policy activities; and establishes a national elder fraud telephone hotline. Finally, the bill would provide yearly recommendations to the Office of Tribal Justice and have all public resources that are produced be written in both English and Spanish. We are encouraged by the bipartisan support for elder justice legislation, and will be urging the Senate to pass this legislation as well.

**CDC COVID Data Tracker:** CDC [updated their COVID Data Tracker](#). The update added expanded [vaccination coverage maps with percentage of each population of interest that has received at least one dose](#) in county view, [level of community transmission and enhanced visualization statistics](#), and [the ability to stratify trends by age group in emergency department visits](#).

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