



Highlights for LPCs:

January LPC Advisory Group Meeting: Trends to Watch. Join us for the next monthly LPC Advisory Group meeting on Thursday, January 27 at 2:00 PM ET, on the topic of "That Crystal Ball: Trends to Watch for 2022." This month's panel features AV Powell; Karen Adams, Love & Company; Toby Shea, OnePoint Partners; and Mike Martin, RLPS Architects. The discussion will range from "next generation design" to autonomous vehicles, the evolution of dining services, the future of continuing care contracts, and the coexistence of rental and entry fee models. All members are welcome! To register, email Dee Pekruhn (dpekruhn@leadingage.org).

February 2 LeadingAge-HRSA PRF Reporting Webinar for Nursing Homes. LeadingAge will be hosting a webinar presented by HRSA titled, "Reporting on Nursing Home Infection Control Provider Relief Funds" at 1:00 PM ET on February 2. This webinar will focus on the reporting specific to the Nursing Home Infection Control payments that nursing homes received in late 2020 and early 2021. HRSA PRF Bureau staff will discuss what counts as an allowable expense for these funds and review additional resources to help nursing homes reporting on these funds. NHIC dollars must be reported upon by the recipient of these targeted PRF dollars not the parent organization. Reporting period 2 (currently open) is the first time providers must report on these funds and these funds can only be used to pay for infection control expenses. So, it will be important for nursing homes to consider carefully which expenses are applied to which PRF funds. These Period 2 reports are due no later than March 31, 2022. To register, login to the Learning Hub [here](#). There is a \$99 fee for members and CE credits are available. Non-members are \$198.

Hear from the team at the **Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Bureau**, to learn more about NHIC allowable expenses, how to use the PRF Reporting Portal to report on NHIC payments, and what resources are available to assist you with reporting in Reporting Period 2. This webinar will focus on the unique aspects of reporting on nursing home infection control funds received in 2020 and 2021. There will be time for questions and answers at the end with the HRSA staff. Members can register [here](#).

COVID-19 Related Updates:

Public Health Emergency Renewed for Another 90 Days. As expected HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra announced Friday that the [Public Health Emergency \(PHE\) would be renewed](#) for another 90 days, until April 16; this is the eighth time it has been extended since the original declaration in the beginning of 2020. The new 90 day clock starts today. There was no doubt it would be renewed as the Biden Administration had promised earlier that it would not end the PHE without giving at least 60 days notice. As a reminder, 90 days is the maximum length of time the PHE can be extended at one time.

Booster Requirements by State. We've updated our [Vaccine Mandates by State article](#) to include those states now requiring boosters and/or "up to date status" on vaccines. So far, there are six states that have implanted such mandates, or will soon: California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, and New York.

OSHA Recordkeeping Requirements Still in Place for Healthcare Providers. As we all know, the U.S. Supreme Court has blocked OSHA from enforcing the OSHA Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) proposed in November 2021. In addition, the June 2021 OSHA Healthcare ETS expired on December 21, 2021, except for all of the non-recordkeeping provisions.

In a [statement](#), OSHA reiterated the recordkeeping provisions remain in place for *healthcare providers*. Under the recordkeeping and reporting provisions of the Healthcare ETS, health care employers with more than 10 employees must continue the following actions:

- Establish and maintain a log of COVID-19 cases among employees, regardless of whether or not they are connected to workplace exposures;
- Provide, by the end of the next business day upon request, the individual COVID-19 log entry of an employee to that employee and any person who has the written consent of the employee;
- Provide, by the end of the next business day upon request, a version of the COVID-19 log with personally identifiable information of employees removed to any employees or their personal or authorized representatives;
- Provide, by the end of the next business day, all COVID-19 records to OSHA;
- Report to OSHA any work-related COVID-19 fatality within eight hours of learning of the fatality; and
- Report to OSHA any work-related COVID-19 inpatient hospitalization within 24 hours of learning of the hospitalization.

HHS Therapeutics Locator for Providers. HHS has set up a [landing page](#) for providers to use to locate therapeutics. It shows the 7,507 locations in which therapeutic products are available, how much of each product is available at that location, and total available and allotted doses in the country.

Experience with National Guard in nursing homes in Minnesota. Jonathan Lips, Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for LeadingAge Minnesota, appeared on our LeadingAge Update Call today. Here's an [article](#) summarizing the interview. Callers from all over the country shared their experiences with National Guard troops deployed during the pandemic. Several were curious about how to advocate for a similar arrangement in their state. One interesting feature of the Minnesota program is that the troops deployed to nursing homes to serve as frontline aides were trained and certified as CNAs or TNAs.

Advocacy Alerts and Hill News:

Historic Broadband Investment Begins as Federal, State Governments Develop Plans. Following billions in nationwide broadband investment approved by Congress in the fall of 2021, federal and state governments have begun making plans to distribute funds and increase connectivity – including potentially for affordable housing communities. Funds from the November 2021 Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA) will flow from the federal government to state broadband offices, which will then set up mechanisms to distribute the investment throughout their jurisdictions. In total, more than \$46 billion were approved for broadband construction, digital literacy programming, equitable access mapping, internet service adoption projects, and more. Multifamily residential housing, households with low incomes, and older adults are each highlighted among the law's intended beneficiaries. As the federal government and then state governments develop plans for the allocation of the broadband funds, LeadingAge is weighing in at every level to ensure the funds create

new opportunities for connectivity for HUD-assisted and other un- and underserved older adult households. More information is available [here](#).

News from LeadingAge:

Registration Open: 2022 Leadership Summit. Today's aging services environment requires smart, dynamic leadership—and now is the time to invest in the innovative strategies that put us on a course toward a stronger future. [Register today for the 2022 LeadingAge Leadership Summit](#) on March 28-30 in Washington, DC. (Attended the Summit before? You know firsthand how valuable this event is for aging services leaders. We're gathering testimonials to help promote the Summit to new attendees. [Share your thoughts!](#))