



**Highlights for LPCs:**

**Another round of Phase 4 PRF Going out this week.** HRSA [announced](#) Thursday that it will be sending out \$560 million from the \$17.5 billion available for the Phase 4 general distribution. This is the third batch of payments distributed from Phase 4. With this distribution, \$6B remains to be distributed to providers under the Phase 4 allotment and HRSA will continue to process the remaining Phase 4 applications. HHS provided a state-by-state [breakdown](#) of the number of providers who will receive this round of Phase 4 payments. Here is a short [article](#) on the announcement.

**Mental health and older adults: a multi-agency federal discussion.** On Tuesday, March 1 at 2:30 PM ET, the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute on Aging, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (all components of the US Department of Health and Human Services) will collaborate on a Facebook Live event to discuss mental health and older adults. The session will include live Q&A, highlight relevant research, and share resources for older adults who may be struggling with their mental health. Visit the [Facebook Event Page](#) for more information and to RSVP.

**COVID-19 Related Updates:**

**Coronavirus Update Call Next Week.** On Monday, February 28 at 3:30 PM ET we will be back to talk about the importance of preparing for future COVID-19 surges and also how providers can best protect and advocate for your employees. Research is showing that the Omicron surge had an unequal toll on workers and stretched families as they balanced work with family responsibilities. On Monday's call we will hear from Dr. Julia Raifman, a leading professor from Boston University School of Public Health who will share her research on building trust with employees around vaccines and preparing for what can come next. If you haven't registered for LeadingAge Update Calls, [you can do so here](#).

**CDC Guidance on Antigen Testing in Long Term Care.** Late last week, the [CDC updated guidance on antigen testing in long-term care](#). The update streamlines guidance on how testing is used in determining work restrictions and mitigating shortages among health care staff. It also clarifies when and how to conduct confirmatory testing following the use of antigen tests.

**Advocacy Alerts and Hill News:**

**New Action Alert – Tell Congress to Fund Vital Aging Programs and Services.** Congress Needs To Pass Funding Bills to Sustain and Expand Aging Programs. It is time for Congress to pass a long-term government funding bill that sustains and expands investments in home and community-based services, affordable housing for low income older adults, and measures that address the aging services sector's severe workforce challenges. Continuing resolutions do not allow for increases to key federal programs that sustain or aging services infrastructure—and that hurt older adults and families across the country.

Send a message to your members of Congress and let them know they need to act now:

<https://mobilize4change.org/NVSDoWd>. Right now congressional leaders are negotiating federal investments in aging services programs for next year and we need your help! Too many older adults are

struggling to access the essential services they need and funding levels must increase. Senators and Representatives must hear from constituents like you that they can't leave older adults behind.

Americans overwhelmingly support increased investments in aging services. Nothing should disrupt Congress from delivering funding increases to help older adults and their families. Send a message to your elected leaders in Congress today by visiting here <https://mobilize4change.org/NVSDoWd>

***News from LeadingAge:***

**LeadingAge Home Health Advisory Group Call.** Join us on Tuesday, March 1, at 2:00pm ET, for our brand new Home Health Advisory Group call. We'll be reviewing priorities for this group for the year. We'll also check in on news from CMS and the Hill. Any LeadingAge member can join the Home Health Advisory Group or submit advance questions by emailing Katy ([kbarnett@leadingage.org](mailto:kbarnett@leadingage.org)) or Mollie ([mgurian@leadingage.org](mailto:mgurian@leadingage.org)).

**The Latest Episode of the Mentor's Voice.** [The Mentor's Voice](#) provides students and young professionals an opportunity to learn from leaders in the field of aging. This month features [Melissa Honig, Executive Director at Valle Verde, a HumanGood Life Plan Community \(LPC\)](#) and Kelly Stranburg and Sara Kyle of LE3 Solutions. [Subscribe and follow The Mentor's Voice](#) wherever you listen to podcasts.

**Register Now! 2022 Leadership Summit.** The LeadingAge Leadership Summit is back. This event is among the most valuable networking events in aging services—bringing together providers, business firms, and policy experts over three days of keynotes, education sessions, and VIP discussions. Register today for the [2022 LeadingAge Leadership Summit](#) on March 28-30 in Washington, DC.

