

LPC Weekly Report

Friday, April 15 2022



Highlights for LPCs:

Next LPC Member Network Meeting: Join us for the next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 28 2022 at 2:00 PM ET. The topic of discussion will be on risk, liability and contract revisions in a post-pandemic landscape. We have another great panel lined up, including Cory MacDonald, attorney-at-law with MacDonald Resnevic, and Rafael Haciski, VP of Senior Living for Johnson Kendal Johnson Insurance. To register, email Dee at dpekruhn@leadingage.org.

Poll Finds, Despite Preference, Older Adults Unprepared to Age at Home. The National Poll on Healthy Aging [released](#) this week found that many people in their 50s, 60s, and 70s need to do more to modify their homes or plan for services they may need to age in place. The vast majority of people over 50 say they would like to live in the current homes as long as possible. But this poll finds many will have a hard time paying for in-home help. Of those who live alone, 48% said they don't have someone to help with personal care and 19% of older adults are confident they could pay for such help.

2022 General and Professional Liability Benchmark Report for Senior Living and Long-Term Care Providers: Marsh's Senior Living & LTC Industry Practice and Oliver Wyman Actuarial have partnered to conduct a 2022 update and expansion to the General and Professional Liability Benchmark Report for Senior Living and Long-Term Care Providers. For Senior Living and Long-Term Care Providers to participate in the study or learn more, please contact LTCBenchmark@oliverwyman.com. There is no cost to participate, and all participants will receive a copy of the report and an invitation to the presentation of the results. The information presented in this study is critical information for industry stakeholders interested in understanding important trends, loss drivers and other factors impacting resident care and quality. Included in the review will be an estimation of countrywide and state-specific trends. Especially relevant for 2022 will be the effect that the pandemic has had on losses. Marsh is partnering with LeadingAge, American Seniors Housing Association, Argentum, and AHCA/NCAL to distribute the survey to senior living providers.

Provider Relief Late Report Request [Form](#) Available: Providers who meet the extenuating circumstances laid out by HRSA can request to submit a late report for Reporting Period 1 (RP1) starting today through Friday, April 22 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Additional details about what extenuating circumstances make a provider eligible to apply for this opportunity to submit a late RP1 report along with other aspects of the process, can be found [here](#).

New PHI Report on State Policy Options for Strengthening the Direct Care Workforce Released: PHI released a report on state policy options for strengthening the direct care workforce. It has 24 specific policy strategies with concrete examples. The report can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 Related Updates:

Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extension. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on Tuesday [renewed the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(PHE\)](#) for another three months. The PHE was initially declared in January 2020 and has been subsequently renewed each quarter. Although the PHE

was due to expire on April 16, [HHS announced the renewal](#) for an additional 90 days and said that it will give states at least 60-days' notice prior to its termination. The renewal will result in a continued expansion of telehealth services, state support, and Medicaid coverage protections through mid-July. The 3-day stay waiver remains in effect though CMS has the authority to end it early along with most other waivers if they so choose.

FY 2023 SNF PPS Proposed Rule Summary Part 1: Quick thank you to the state partners that we have heard from in the last day, since the proposed rule dropped. We have been reading and analyzing and there is a lot in the 200+ pages. A high level summary of the payment rates, PDPM changes, and the requests for information on staffing and infection isolation is attached and a link will be available [here](#) tomorrow. Please know that we are planning to use our nursing home network and other communications to seek feedback for comments and the RFIs. We are planning to provide a template with comments for members to send directly to CMS.

1135 Life Safety Waivers: The termination of 1135 waivers includes specific life safety waivers for nursing homes. [This fact sheet](#) outlines those waivers to help your organization understand what is being terminated and in which date range – 30 or 60 days.

Advocacy Alerts and Hill News:

LeadingAge Joins LTC Providers in Asking DOL Implement a Streamlined Wage Determination Process for Foreign Nurses- UPDATED WITH LINK: We reported last week that LeadingAge in coalition with 12 long-term care provider organizations sent a letter calling on the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to improve the processing and timeliness of Schedule A petitions, which delays the permanent residence and employment process of hiring foreign nurses and physical therapist. Here's the link to the letter: <https://leadingage.org/letter-department-labor-prevailing-wage-determinations-nurses> The coalition letter ask the DOL to implement a more streamlined process for wage determinations for registered nurses and physical therapist. Additionally, since the prevailing wage determination is one of the bottlenecks that delay employers in filing an immigrant petition, the letter requests the DOL to create a separate category for Schedule A category under the PERM processing queue.

White House Announces Initiative on Medical Debt: The White House announced an initiative today on reducing medical debt for consumers. The announcement does not contain many details on how the policies will be carried out but one aspect of the announcement is that Secretary Becerra is directing HHS to evaluate how providers' billing practices impact the affordability and accessibility of care and the accrual of medical debt. We will monitor this initiative and keep you informed of any impacts on LeadingAge members. The announcement can be found [here](#).

News from LeadingAge:

Public Service Campaign Materials Available: Keep Leading Life. Keep Leading Life, the new LeadingAge public service campaign to introduce the full aging services sector to the general public, is now live. Stemming from the research-backed guidance developed through the Opening Doors to Aging Services initiative, the campaign reflects a range of care and services options for older adults—demonstrating that with extra help from aging services professionals, older adults continue to live fulfilling lives. Find the campaign's digital, print and video assets—free to LeadingAge members—at OpeningDoors.org/resources. Visit the campaign landing page: KeepLeadingLife.org.

Get a firsthand look at Keep Leading Life on April 21 at our live, virtual workshop. We'll help members from across the continuum leverage the campaign's customizable campaign creative—from radio and TV spots to digital and print ads. [Learn more and register here](#).

Nominate Someone for a LeadingAge Award Today! The LeadingAge annual awards honor individuals that embody excellence in mission-focused aging services leadership, are models of quality and innovation, and are making outstanding contributions to our field that merit national recognition. Nominations are currently being accepted in three categories: [Award of Honor](#), [RWJF Award for Health Equity presented by LeadingAge](#), and [Joan Anne McHugh Award for Leadership in LTSS Nursing](#). The deadline to submit your nomination is June 17, 2022. [Learn more about the award criteria and nomination process.](#)

Collaborative Care Tech Summit 2022. Registration is now open for the virtual [Collaborative Care Tech Summit](#) taking place June 7-8, 2022. This year's theme, "Connecting and Strengthening Workforce," will offer solutions to challenges LeadingAge members and other care providers are experiencing. [Learn more about the summit](#) and [register today](#) for invaluable insights on solving these workforce challenges.

LeadingAge Member Directory: Please Review & Update Your Listing. LeadingAge.org includes an [Aging Services Directory](#) of members that is available to the general public. This directory is included in our new [Keep Leading Life](#) campaign to raise awareness about the full aging services sector. Members can make changes directly to their listing, adding people, updating info, and even sharing testimonials and photos. Your staff who are designated as Company Managers have access to make edits. [Visit this page](#) for more information, and if you have questions or get stuck, contact us at MyLeadingAgeSupport@LeadingAge.org or call 202-783-2242. (And find Keep Leading Life campaign materials, which debuted at the 2022 Leadership Summit, at openingdoors.org/resources/ for you to download.)