

LPC Weekly Report

Friday, May 6 2022



Highlights for LPCs:

Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day is May 16. The Administration on Community Living is hosting the fifth annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day on Monday May 16, aimed at empowering professionals with the latest tools to improve the lives of older adults in their community. The event is sponsored by ACL along with several cosponsors. You can register and find more details [here](#). The agenda includes a session on trauma-informed care and one on practical strategies to navigate mental health resources and services for older adults and caregivers.

Reminder: Continuing Care at Home Conference. The CC@H Virtual Annual Conference is Monday, May 16 - Tuesday, May 17, and [registration](#) is open. Each day is 1:00 – 4:45 PM ET and offers a variety of education sessions tailored to this unique member category. All are welcome; first time learners as well as experienced practitioners.

Provider Relief Requests for Reconsideration: Providers who have not yet received their Phase 4 and/or ARP Rural payments will still have an opportunity to request reconsideration if they believe their payment is incorrectly calculated based upon the established [methodology](#). In these situations, providers will have 45 days from receipt of payment to submit their request for reconsideration. All providers who have already received their payments must submit their Request for Reconsideration no later than Monday, May 2 at 11:59 p.m. For more information on the PRF Reconsideration process and requirements, click [here](#).

PRF Late Reporting Requests for Reporting Period 2 Can be Submitted Now: Providers can now submit Late Reporting Requests if they failed to submit a required report by the March 31, 2022 deadline for reporting on funds received July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This includes targeted Nursing Home Infection Control funds that a nursing home must report on and cannot be delegated to a corporate office or parent organization. Late Reporting Requests can be submitted today through Friday, May 13 at 11:59 p.m. ET. These requests can only be made under eligible extenuating circumstances, which can be found [here](#) along with the Late Request Form.

ROI Tool for expanding HCBS partnerships: Health care organizations increasingly partner with new providers to address patients' health-related social needs. While these cross-sector partnerships can help integrate services for older adults, health care and social service organizations often struggle to establish partnerships given their different structures and financial resources. The *Return on Investment Calculator* was designed to help CBOs, including HCBS providers, and their health care partners explore and plan financial arrangements to fund services for people with complex needs. A [webinar](#), featuring a case example and time for question and answer, will be held on May 19, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET.

ACL Plans to Fund a Direct Care Workforce Center. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has announced a new funding opportunity to address the direct care workforce (DCW) crisis by establishing a new, "Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Initiative" that will fund one five-year cooperative agreement to create and maintain a National Technical Assistance Center. Estimated total funding will be \$1.2 million to \$1.3 million, per year for the five-year project period. You can view the grant

opportunity here: [View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#). Grant Applications are due: June 28, 2022, 11:59 pm ET. An “Informational Teleconference for Interested Applicants” will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET: Number: 888-942-9712; Participant passcode: 5313288. Letters of intent (optional) due: May 31, 2022. Eligible applicants include public and private non-profit entities, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations as well as institutions of higher education. When fully operational, the ACL envisions the technical assistance center will become a central hub for state, private, and federal entities involved in the hiring and workforce development associated with the delivery of HCBS to access a curated array of model policies, best practices, training materials, technical assistance and learning collaboratives. [Here](#) is an article with additional details.

DOL’s Wage and Overtime Division Hosting Listening Sessions. The Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division is [hosting](#) a series of listening sessions to hear the public’s feedback on the [current overtime regulations](#) and the potential impact from any changes to those regulations. Overtime regulations and the appropriate salary level above which the overtime exemption may apply that are built into those regulations must be reviewed from time to time to ensure that their relevance is maintained. Register for a session [here](#). Overtime Listening Sessions for Employers:

- Friday, May 13, 2022 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EDT Northeast Employers: CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, PR, RI, VT, VI, VA, and WV
- Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT Southeast Employers: AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN
- Friday, May 20, 2022 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EDT Midwest Employers: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, and WI
- Friday, May 27, 2022 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT Southwest Employers: AR, CO, LA, MT, NM, ND, OK, SD, TX, UT, and WY

Friday, June 3, 2022 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EDT West Employers: AK, AS, AZ, CM, CA, GU, HI, ID, NV, OR, and WA

COVID-19 Related Updates:

Updated FDA Prescribing Guidelines for Paxlovid. The FDA released a [checklist](#) to make screening potential patients for Paxlovid and a detailed list of drugs with potential interactions. Paxlovid was released in December but logistical challenges have made it difficult for some individuals to access. People who can benefit from Paxlovid must start the drug within five days after the onset of COVID symptoms. The Administration has said they are working on other initiatives that would increase the number of pharmacies that carry Paxlovid.

FROM HHS: Long COVID Risk Factors: The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse [released](#) a story that researchers studied samples from COVID-19 patients over time, which led to many insights, including some of the risk factors for Long COVID. The researchers enrolled 209 people ages 18 to 89 who had laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infections. The participants’ COVID-19 experiences ranged from having mild symptoms and never having to be hospitalized to needing mechanical ventilation in the intensive care unit. With the participants’ consent, researchers studied their electronic health records, interviewed them about their symptoms, and took blood samples. All participants were asked to come back 60 and 90 days after their initial COVID-19 symptoms started. The researchers compared the 209 patients with people who had not had COVID-19 and checked their findings against a separate group of 100 people who had COVID-19 and were 60 to 90 days beyond developing their initial

symptoms. Three months after being diagnosed with COVID-19, half of the 209 participants reported fatigue. A quarter of them had a cough, and 18% had loss of smell or taste.

The researchers found that people were more likely to have symptoms 2 to 3 months after diagnosis if they had any of several risk factors at the time they were diagnosed, including:

- Type 2 diabetes
- Reactivated [Epstein-Barr virus](#) in their blood. Many people are infected with this virus in childhood. After infection, the virus persists in the body in an inactive form but may reactivate.
- Autoantibodies. While antibodies should bind only to materials from outside the body, some people make antibodies against their own tissues. The researchers checked for a few different autoantibodies.

The researchers also made other observations. For example, people who had cold-like symptoms at 3 months also had low levels of the hormone cortisol. These risk factors are only part of the picture, the researchers noted — a person's genetics likely also play a factor in their Long COVID risk.

News from LeadingAge:

Nominate Your Exceptional Colleagues Today. The LeadingAge annual awards honor individuals who 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.)