



Highlights for LPCs:

Music Licensing 101. Hawaiian luau nights, birthday dinners, and employee parties. When do you need a music license – and how does it all work? We've written a new [article](#) on the basics of copyright law and music licensing organizations to help members navigate an increasingly complex decision on whether and when to obtain a license.

MPLC Licensing Article. The Motion Picture Licensing Corporation has compiled a resource on copyright compliance for aging services providers who play movies, music, or TV in their settings. It is posted [here](#) with permission for the benefit of LeadingAge members.

CARF Updated Standards Review. Members are invited to participate in CARF's annual standards update review. Sections of the Aging Services and the CCRC Standards Manual have been updated for 2023, and member input is sought for field feasibility. Comments are strongly encouraged, especially if any of the new standards present challenges or negative outcomes for participating members. You can participate in the survey by clicking [here](#).

CDC Launches Heat Tracker. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released its newest version of the [heat and health tracker](#), an interactive map showing the number of emergency room visits linked to heat in different counties on a weekly and daily basis. The tool also has a monthly forecast map which displays expected number of days in the next month at or above a dangerous level of heat. Aging services providers can utilize this tool to identify older adults in areas with high rates of ED use and number of expected days above a dangerous level of heat to implement precautionary measures for older adults who may be at risk of heat related illness. Last summer, several heat waves hit multiple areas of the U.S. resulting in hundreds of deaths.

Federal Partners Take on the WEAAD 6-1-5 Challenge - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is June 15, 2022. The #WEAAD615 challenge encourages people around the world to engage their friends, family, and colleagues by sharing facts about elder abuse and how to prevent it. This year, federal agencies will take on this challenge by sharing 6 facts about elder abuse, 1 action the agency will take, and 5 resources or tips you can use to promote elder justice. [Click here](#) to register for a virtual event on Wednesday, June 15, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET to hear from ACL, the National Center on Elder Abuse and Senior Medicare Patrol National Resource Center, and federal partners including the Elder Justice Initiative at the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Social Security Administration, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Interested in Pursuing a Master Plan on Aging in Your State? The Center for Health Care Strategies released a new tool today, [Developing a Master Plan for Aging](#). Many LeadingAge state partners and members have watched California develop, promote and begin to take action on a Master Plan on Aging (MPA). An MPA is a cross sector, state led strategic planning resource that can help states transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for their rapidly aging population, as well as people with disabilities. Stakeholders, even those in states that might have developed more traditional aging plans in the past, see hope for more progress and organized strategies through this approach. The new tool

outlines the core tenets for how to develop an MPA in your state, with best practices and state examples throughout.

COVID-19 Related Updates:

State by State Face Mask Mandates: Over the course of the pandemic, 39 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia had orders broadly requiring people to wear masks in public. Eleven states did not impose mandates at any point. Several states, including Florida, Iowa, Montana, Tennessee, and Texas, have moved via legislation or executive action to prevent local governments and school districts from mandating. Where there are no state or local requirements, businesses and other private entities may set their own mask policies. [Here's](#) where each state stands on the use of face masks as of June.

Advocacy Updates and Hill News:

LeadingAge to Host Call on Policy Changes to Criminal Background Screening. Join LeadingAge on June 22 at 1pm ET to help provide feedback to HUD about changes to criminal background screening at affordable housing properties. In April, HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge announced an [agency-wide effort to remove barriers](#) that prevent individuals with criminal histories from participating in HUD programs. As a result, HUD offices are working to identify all existing HUD regulations, guidance documents, and other policies that may pose barriers to housing people with criminal histories; the review includes regulatory and sub-regulatory documents like model leases and other agreements. By October 14, 2022, HUD offices are directed to propose updates and amendments to the agency documents and guidance to make HUD programs as inclusive as possible for individuals with criminal histories. Join LeadingAge for a call to discuss the process of criminal background screening at senior housing properties and the potential impact of HUD's policy changes, and help create feedback for HUD as they undergo their review of agency guidance. Register in advance [here](#).

New Affordable Housing Action Alert – Please Share With Members

Congress Must Increase HUD Senior Housing Funding

Congress is developing fiscal year 2023 appropriations bills, including the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding bill. **Now is the time** to urge your senators and representatives to increase funding for affordable senior housing to preserve and expand affordable housing for older adults with very low incomes.

Your advocacy matters and your voice makes an impact. Please send an email today using this link: <https://www.votervoice.net/LeadingAge/campaigns/95490/respond>

Ask your members of Congress to increase HUD funding for affordable senior housing:

Expand the supply of affordable senior housing. Provide \$600 million for new capital advances and operating assistance, including service coordinators, for approximately 6,200 new HUD Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly homes.

Preserve and improve HUD-assisted housing. Provide full funding for Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) and Project Rental Assistance Contract (PRAC) renewals, including funding to acknowledge elevated operational costs, including for insurance, safety and staffing, sustained after the onset of COVID.

Ensure RAD for PRAC success. Provide \$10 million for RAD for PRAC conversion subsidy to ensure the successful and long-term preservation of Section 202/PRAC homes.

Connect HUD-assisted residents to the services and supports they need to age in the community.

- Provide \$125 million for the renewal of existing service coordinator grants.
- Provide \$100 million for 400 new, three-year service coordinator grants and expand eligibility to Section 202/PRAC communities.
- Provide a \$31 million increase for new budget-based service coordinators.
- Expand ConnectHome and Neighborhood Networks programs to improve internet access in HUD multifamily housing, and direct HUD to collaborate with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NITA) to bridge the connectivity divide.

Updated 2022 Spousal Impoverishment Standards: Under the Medicaid spousal impoverishment provisions, a certain amount of the couple's combined resources is protected for the spouse living in the community. Depending on how much of his or her own income the community spouse actually has, a certain amount of income belonging to the spouse in the institution can also be set aside for the community spouse's use. This [link](#) provides the minimum and maximum amount of resources and income that can be protected for a spouse in the community in 2022.

National Study Looks at Best Practices in Home Health, Hospice, & Personal Care. Over 1,000 home health, hospice, and personal care agencies participated in the [National Healthcare at Home Best Practices and Future Insights Study](#). This is the largest study of its kind with the goal to provide agency leaders with clinical, financial and operational best practices performed by leading organizations across the country. The study also includes a full section on staffing, recruitment, and retention. The LeadingAge LTSS Center @UMass Boston participated as a steering committee member.

News from LeadingAge:

Nominate an Exceptional Colleague for a LeadingAge Award. The LeadingAge annual awards honor individuals who embody excellence in mission-focused aging services and merit national recognition. Nominations are 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 for nomination is June 17, 2022, so [learn more about the award criteria and submit today](#).