



Senior Housing Weekly

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HUD Presentation on new HUD Section 202 NOFA. On Tuesday, February 2, 2 – 3 p.m. ET, Tom Davis, Director, HUD Office of Recapitalization, will join LeadingAge for a presentation on the new HUD Section 202 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); there will be time for questions from participants as well. HUD announced the competition, or NOFA, for \$150 million in new Section 202 funding on January 12. Applications are due May 26. HUD expects to make about 45 awards. Please join us to hear from HUD about the NOFA on February 2, 2021, at 2 p.m. ET. [Register for the February 2 session here.](#)

Housing Advisory Group to discuss vaccine messaging. Join our next Housing Advisory Group call to hear from a specialist on vaccine messaging. Advance questions are still welcome for our special guest, who will discuss strategies for building vaccine confidence at housing communities. LeadingAge is continuing these regular Housing Advisory Group calls on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. E.T. for affordable housing providers to hear the latest housing updates and discuss challenges and solutions with one another. In your LeadingAge member account, you can subscribe to the “Housing Advisory Group” within “Online Subscriptions,” or you can reach out to jbilowich@leadingage.org or lcouch@leadingage.org to join the group.

COVID-19 Supplemental Payments to hit accounts beginning week of February 1. On January 28, HUD told LeadingAge that the second round of COVID-19 Supplemental Payments, or CSPs, will start flowing to accounts the week of February 1. While some payments may be delayed, the majority will be paid as early as Monday. In case there is a third CSP round, providers are recommended to document COVID-19 specific expenses to list on any HUD application.

Hearing for HUD Secretary-Nominee Fudge. On January 28, The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs held a hearing on President Biden’s nomination of Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH) to the HUD Secretary. In her testimony, Rep. Fudge emphasized her eagerness to work across the aisle, the need for a significant expansion of the supply of affordable housing, and, on COVID-19, to “alleviate that crisis and get people the support they need to come back from the edge.” LeadingAge submitted a [letter](#) of support for Rep. Fudge’s nomination.

Biden directs HUD on fair housing. President Joe Biden has directed HUD to review Trump-era rules related to the Fair Housing Act, namely the 2020 repeal of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing assessment tool and the 2020 rule that damaged HUD’s previous disparate impact standard, and to implement the Fair Housing Act’s requirements that HUD administer its programs in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing and in a way that prevents practices with an unjustified discriminatory effect. An article on the directive is [here](#).

LeadingAge urges federal action to improve pandemic internet access for older adults: As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) establishes its new broadband benefit program for households impacted during COVID-19, LeadingAge urged the Commission to make every effort to reach older

adults with low incomes, including by automatically enrolling housing-assisted seniors on a building-wide basis. Most HUD-assisted senior housing communities lack internet throughout the building, and many residents cannot afford individual installation, equipment, and monthly services costs. This painful digital divide has left low-income seniors out of common solutions during the current health crisis, including telemedicine and remote options for staying socially connected. More info about LeadingAge's July 25 Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) comments to the FCC will be available [here](#).

Vaccination Clinic Tips and Tools for Housing Providers. These vaccine clinic tips and tools, collected from LeadingAge affordable housing providers, cover what to do in advance when scheduling, promoting, and preparing for the clinic, and tips for the actual vaccine clinic day. The [resource](#) provides almost 50 tips and tools to make every housing community's vaccine clinic as successful as possible, including topics on preparing residents and staff, paperwork, and logistics planning.

Join LeadingAge workgroup to inform HUD's changing approach to inspections and reviews in senior housing. HUD recently proposed [sweeping changes to physical inspections](#) in affordable housing programs, impacting communities for decades to come; at the same time, physical inspections and file reviews continue to be adapted due to COVID-19. Housing members can join the LeadingAge HUD Oversight Workgroup to inform HUD's approach and advocate for robust yet feasible oversight structures and supports in senior housing. LeadingAge will also soon announce separate workgroups related to internet connectivity, resident services access and coordination, and meal programs. More info [here](#), and email jbilowich@leadingage.org with questions.