

# Senior Housing Weekly Recap November 6, 2020

**LeadingAge Annual Meeting Virtual Experience Nov. 10 – 12 & 17 – 19.** Our [Annual Meeting](#) kicks off November 10! Check out this [list of sessions of interest](#) to affordable housing providers, and don't forget to register for the Friday, Nov. 13, 1pm EST, [housing celebration reception here!](#)

**Lame Duck Congressional Advocacy.** Congress returns to DC the week of November 9, facing a lot of unfinished business critical to older adults. LeadingAge will be sending an actin alert to members to bolster our chances of lame duck session success. Among our must-pass items: [COVID-19 relief](#) and completion of the HUD fiscal year [2021 appropriations](#) bill before the continuing resolution expires on December 11.

**Rent Help for Tenants and Owners.** [Two online databases](#) of COVID-19-related state- and local-rental assistance programs may help: 1) aging services providers to help renters (and, often, homeowners) retain stable housing, and 2) help affordable senior housing owners receive relief for rental income shortfall experienced as renters declare eligibility for the CDC's eviction moratorium for nonpayment of rent.

**Federal Judge Blocks Public Charge Rule.** On November 2, a U.S. District court judge blocked the Administration's "public charge rule," which was issued as a final rule in August, 2019, despite hundreds of thousands of comments in submitted. The vast majority of these comments, including comments submitted by LeadingAge, were in opposition to the proposed [public charge rule](#) because the rule allowed denial of permanent residency to immigrants legally in the country because they accessed housing assistance, for example.

**CDC Vaccine Distribution Pharmacy Partnership.** LeadingAge continued its work with CDC to educate them on why federally-assisted affordable senior housing should be included among priority provider groups for the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine when it's available. Over the last couple of weeks, LeadingAge has successfully urged the CDC to include affordable senior housing providers on the list of long term care provider types able to complete the pharmacy partnership online interest form (the deadline for completing this [form was Nov. 6](#)), and we are optimistic that HUD Section 202 Housing for the Elderly communities will be given certain prioritization in the distribution program.

**PPP News.** Per a new court order, the SBA is required to publicly list all PPP loans and loan dollar amounts. Right now, loans are only public by borrower name for loans above \$150,000, and those loans are reported in bands (\$150,000 to \$300,000). Unless appealed, loans of *all* sizes will be public by borrower and by dollar amount. PPP borrowers may want to know this data could be publicized in a matter of weeks. Also, the SBA issued a new questionnaire for loans of greater than \$2M. Per guidance issued this summer, all loans above that amount will be audited before forgiven. This form is part of that. More to come from LeadingAge soon on this.