



## Senior Housing Weekly

July 1, 2022

**Happy Independence Day!** There will not be a 12:30pm Housing Network call or a 3:30pm Coronavirus Update Call on July 4.

**Coronavirus Update Call July 6.** Have you considered hiring international interns? **Join us on Wednesday, July 6, at 3:30pm ET** to hear from a LeadingAge member who has done it. We will talk with **Kris Hansen**, CEO, Western Home Communities, who will discuss how he tackles the workforce shortage head on. The organization is taking steps to train and retain international interns for future positions. Learn about what it takes to make the program work, barriers, challenges, and benefits. If you haven't registered for LeadingAge Update Calls, [you can do so here](#). You can also find previous call recordings [here](#). Note that to access recordings of the calls you need a LeadingAge password. Any staff member of any LeadingAge member organization can set up a password to access previous calls and other "members only" content.

### HUD FY23 Appropriations Updates:

- **Committee Advances HUD Funding Increases.** On June 30, the House Committee on Appropriations passed its fiscal year 2023 HUD funding bill by a partisan vote of 32 to 24. The bill would provide an overall increase for HUD, including a more than 16% increase for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly account and a 62% (that is not a typo!) increase for new Section 202 homes compared to enacted FY22 funding. The bill is expected to go to the full House for a vote in July. The Senate has not begun subcommittee or full committee work on its FY23 bills and is not expected to do so until after August recess. See [this article for more information](#) on the Committee's FY23 HUD funding bill, including an FY21/FY22/FY23 funding chart.
- **Appropriators Direct HUD to Distribute Sec. 202 and IWISH Funds, Address Lack of Internet.** The House Committee on Appropriations FY23 HUD funding bill's report, released June 29, expresses LeadingAge's concerns on HUD delays in distributing new Section 202 and IWISH demonstration funding as well as the importance of building-wide internet in Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly. As revealed in the report accompanying the bill, the bill's \$1.2 billion for the Section 202 program includes \$323 million for about 3,500 new Section 202 homes (compared to \$199 million for new Section 202 homes in FY22) "to address the acute shortage of affordable housing for seniors." Of the \$323 million, \$25 million is for new intergenerational housing under the Section 202 program. The bill's accompanying report is where federal appropriators go beyond dollar amounts and express goals and frustrations with the programs funded by the bill. Read an article about the bill's report [here](#).

### MOR Updates:

- **HUD Clarifies Property Risk Classification for MOR Schedules.** On June 29, following HUD's June 27 final rule implementing a new performance-based schedule for Management and Occupancy Reviews (MORs), HUD has clarified how it determines a property's risk rating classification. HUD's checklist organizes properties into categories ranging from troubled to

potentially troubled to not troubled; the defining characteristics include asset management, financial components, REAC scores, and more. If the property is considered "not troubled" and has performed well on its previous MOR, the property can reduce the frequency of its file reviews to every 24 or 36 months. More information about HUD's risk rating classification is available for LeadingAge members [here](#), and more information about HUD's new performance-based MOR schedule is available [here](#).

- **HUD Implements Long-Awaited Risk-Based Schedule for MORs (clarification).** On June 27, HUD published its final rule amending existing project-based Section 8 regulations related to Management and Occupancy Reviews (MORs), including for the Section 202/8 program. Effective September 26, MORs will be conducted on a performance-based schedule based on a property's newly-assigned risk level. The MOR schedule establishes a frequency for the completion of MORs based upon a project's previous MOR score and the project's rating under HUD's risk-based asset management model to establish a requirement for file reviews within 12, 24, or 36 months of the previous MOR. The new schedule will apply to all project-based Section 8 projects, regardless of whether the contract is administered by a PBCA, HUD, or a traditional Contract Administrator. In implementing the performance-based MOR schedule, HUD will establish a time frame for each project's next MOR at the first MOR following the effective date of this final rule; based upon a project's MOR score following that first MOR and the project's risk rating at the time, HUD will determine the date of each project's next MOR according to the performance-based MOR schedule. The rule follows the January 14, 2015, publication of a proposed MOR schedule, on which HUD sought public comments. More information is available [here](#).

**988 Lifeline Transition Begins July 16.** The U.S. will begin transitioning from using the 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Hotline number to a three-digit (988) number beginning on July 16. To help spread the word about the new 988 number, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has added downloadable print files for wallet cards, magnets, and posters to its [988 Partner Toolkit](#). The toolkit already includes [logo and brand guidelines](#), key messages, frequently asked questions, fact sheets (English and Spanish), radio PSA scripts (English and Spanish), and more. SAMHSA is also working to make the print materials available for ordering from the SAMHSA store and will be adding social media shareables by mid-July about the basics of 988.

**Exploring the Intersections of Person and Place: Healthy Aging for Adults with Long-Term Physical Disabilities.** On Thursday, July 14, from 2-3pm ET, Advancing States will host a webinar about healthy aging for people with long-term physical disabilities. There will be an interdisciplinary panel of experts that will discuss the importance of environmental factors, such as the built, attitudinal, and policy environments. Speakers will cover topics including housing, social disconnectedness and isolation, and home and community-based supports, and focus on how individuals and communities can take steps to improve outcomes. [Click here](#) for the event flyer and [click here](#) to register.

**Healthy Housing Grants to Six State Housing Agencies.** With funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and technical assistance and expertise from the Center for Community Investment, the National Council of State Housing Agencies has made awards to six state housing finance agencies as part of its Healthy Housing, Healthy Communities (H3C) Partnerships initiative. The awards to Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Washington state housing finance agencies will be used to identify and solidify commitments from health institution partners to collaborate with the HFA

to build or preserve affordable housing and to produce a Housing, Health, and Equity Partnership Plan that specifies financial and other commitments the agency and its partners will make to develop or preserve affordable housing in a manner that improves community health and advances social and racial equity. Read more about the grants to state housing finance agencies in this [article](#).