



Senior Housing Weekly

February 18, 2022

LeadingAge Housing Advisory Group Call. There will not be a call on Presidents Day, February 21. Our next regular Housing Advisory Group call is on Monday, February 28, at 12:30pm ET. We'll be joined by staff from UsAgainstAlzheimer's to talk about their Healthy Brain Initiative, and will of course have updates from HUD and Congress. Any LeadingAge member can join the Housing Advisory Group or submit advance questions by emailing Linda (lcouch@leadingage.org) or Juliana (jbilowich@leadingage.org).

Coronavirus Update Calls for Week of February 21. LeadingAge Offices will be closed on Monday, February 21. We will not be hosting our Coronavirus Update Call in observance of the Presidents Day holiday. On Wednesday, February 23, 3:30pm ET, we welcome back LeadingAge member **Erica Thrash-Sall, Executive Director of McFarlan Villages Corporation, a Presbyterian Villages of Michigan community**. She is going to talk about her organization's local advocacy efforts to strengthen their workforce and also talk about the importance of recruiting and retaining leaders of color in the aging services field.

CAST Releases Broadband in Affordable Housing White Paper. LeadingAge CAST has released a [Broadband in Affordable Housing](#) white paper to help organizations understand the process for bringing broadband connectivity to their communities affordably. After reading the white paper and case studies (releasing in March), technology teams will be prepared to determine how to bring broadband connectivity to their community and their residents and how to secure funding opportunities for the infrastructure.

VOANS March 27 Health & Housing Symposium. Volunteers of America National Services (VOANS) is hosting a 2022 Health & Housing Symposium on Sunday, March 27, 2:30 - 5pm, followed by a networking reception from 5 - 6pm. This Symposium is directly before the March 28 start of the 2022 LeadingAge Leadership Summit. The [VOANS Health & Housing Symposium](#) will include keynotes from Richard Cho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, HUD, and Alison Barkoff, Principal Deputy Administrator, Administration for Community Living, HHS. There are also two panel discussions: Building Sustainable Opportunities to Address Health & LTSS Needs, and Investments, Partnerships & Strategies to Support Service Delivery. The event is in partnership with LeadingAge and presented by Parker Health Group, Inc. This in-person, free event will be at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. [Click here to register for this free March 27 Symposium](#). A Symposium flyer, including the registration link, is [here](#). Click [here](#) for more information on the 2022 LeadingAge Leadership Summit.

CR Until March 11. The House (on February 8) and Senate (on February 17) have passed a third continuing resolution to keep federal discretionary programs funded through March 11 at FY21 levels as they hammer out new FY22 spending bills. President Biden is expected to sign the CR before the second CR expires at midnight, February 18. LeadingAge continues to urge Congress to enact final FY22 spending bills as soon as possible, as CRs wreak havoc for the administration of federal programs and

the new FY22 bills bring needed additional funding to programs. LeadingAge reiterated our FY22 HUD appropriations asks to Congress in this January 27 [letter](#). After appropriations subcommittees reportedly received their FY22 allocations over the February 12 -13 weekend, House and Senate negotiators are now working to finalize FY22 bills before the new March 11 deadline.

VAWA Bill Introduced in Senate. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) have introduced the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. The bill would reauthorize VAWA through 2027. The House passed its VAWA reauthorization bill, HR1620, in 2021. According to Senator Feinstein, the Senate bill “preserves advancements made in previous reauthorizations and includes a number of additional improvements to the current law.” The new Senate bill, [S.3623](#), adds to existing VAWA requirements to prohibit retaliation against persons exercising their rights or participating in processes related to VAWA housing protections; protect the right to report crime from one’s home; reauthorize funding for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for transitional housing grants for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; update the definition of “covered housing program” for additional housing and homelessness programs, including the Section 202 Direct Loan (1959 – 1974) and Housing Trust Fund programs. For more on the bill, see this LeadingAge [article](#).

Earned Income Tax Credits for 65+ Households. Last year, Congress changed the Earned Income Tax Credit benefit so it can help households aged 65 and above who have income from work. Workers without children with *earnings* of \$9,820 to \$11,610 (\$17,550 for married taxpayers filing jointly) can receive the maximum EITC in 2021. Workers with children are the main focus and recipient of this important tax credit. The amount of tax credit phases out as income increases. This [Earned Income Tax Credit estimator](#) could help residents and staff determine their likely EITC. Unemployment benefits, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and pension payments do not count as earnings, but net earnings from self-employment do. The EITC is fully refundable, meaning someone can qualify for it even if they don’t owe federal income taxes. Tax filers must submit a federal tax return for 2021 to get the EITC they are eligible for, even if they otherwise are not required to file. EITCs are not counted as income for purposes of eligibility or rent setting for HUD assisted programs. The [“Get It Back”](#) campaign has outreach and information materials on the EITC.

Announcing New Home Health and Hospice Advisory Groups. We are excited to announce, starting in March, LeadingAge will be hosting monthly, virtual Home Health and Hospice Advisory Groups for all interested members. The team has put together [a quick survey](#) for agencies to share their most pressing issues and identify their interest in these groups. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to [Katy Barnett](#) or [Mollie Gurian](#).

Home Health Advisory Group

First Tuesday of Every Month

Tuesday, March 1st 2022

2:00-3:00 PM ET

Hospice Advisory Group

Second Tuesday of Every Month

Tuesday, March 8th 2022
2:00-3:00 PM ET

Updates from HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing:

Housing Notice 2015-04 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Published. On February 10, the Office of Multifamily Housing posted to HUDCLIPS updated responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding [Housing Notice H-2015-04, Methodology for Completing a Multifamily Housing Utility Analysis](#). The FAQs were originally distributed to stakeholders via the Rental Housing Integrity Improvement Project (RHIIIP) listserv in July 2015 and were redistributed with updated responses in August 2016. The FAQ has updated Q/As on the timing of rounding of the previous utility allowance, accumulated utility reimbursements on debit cards, and which units should be selected for the RAD PBRA baseline utility analysis (questions 31, 42, and 43, respectively). The [updated FAQs](#) are now located on HUDCLIPS under Housing Notice H-2015-04.

Form HUD-27061-H Re-Published to HUDCLIPS. On February 15, [Form HUD-27061-H](#), Race and Ethnic Data Reporting Form, was re-published to HUDCLIPS. This form is used by applicants and in-place tenants of Multifamily Housing programs to provide self-certification of race and ethnicity for data collection purposes. Please see HUD Handbook 4350.3 for more information on Form HUD-27061-H. In the interim, Owners/Agents should refer to the information at the bottom of the form for instructions on who should complete the form, when the form should be completed, and how the form should be stored in a household's file.

Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Adjustment Factors. On February 16, a Notice of the Revised Contract Rent Annual Adjustment Factors (AAFs) for FY22 was published in the Federal Register. The AAFs are used to adjust the contract rents on the anniversary date of the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contracts for some multifamily projects. The FY22 AAFs are effective February 16, 2022. A copy of the Federal Register Notice containing the revised AAFs is located [here](#). The HUDUSER website has been updated to include the revised AAFs and can be viewed at: [Annual Adjustment Factors | HUD USER](#).