



## Senior Housing Weekly

January 20, 2023

**LeadingAge Affordable Housing Network Meeting on January 23.** Join the LeadingAge Affordable Housing Member Network on Monday, January, from 12:30 – 1:30 PM ET for our housing call. We'll check in on the process of ordering free test kits in bulk for Section 202 communities, and we'll discuss recent information from HUD about COVID-19 Supplemental Payments. Participation in the Network is open to all members of LeadingAge; for details on joining the Network (and attending Monday's meeting) contact Juliana ([JBilowich@leadingage.org](mailto:JBilowich@leadingage.org)) or Linda ([LCouch@leadingage.org](mailto:LCouch@leadingage.org)).

**Upcoming LeadingAge Coronavirus Calls. Interested in hiring refugees? What about the impact of the pandemic on society and on individuals as we get to the next normal? All calls are 3:30 PM ET.** Join us on **Monday, January 23**, as we speak with Mary Klein from Westminster Communities of Florida about her organization's Afghan Refugee resettlement project. **On Wednesday, January 25**, Karen Kaplan, Science and Medicine Editor at the Los Angeles Times will join us to share her observations of changes in health care, society, and individuals' behaviors as a result of the pandemic. She has consistently provided timely, unique, and hard-hitting coverage over the course of the past three years. She has always paid attention to older people and been supportive of aging services. 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 Announces New Proposed "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" Rule.** On January 19, HUD announced that it will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register to update the agency's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule. The [proposed rule](#) will implement the Fair Housing Act's affirmatively furthering fair housing mandate, which directs the government to promote fair housing choice, eliminate disparities in housing, and foster inclusive communities. In particular, the proposed rule is designed to simplify the required fair housing analysis, emphasize goal-setting, increase transparency for public review and comment, foster local commitment to addressing fair housing issues, enhance HUD technical assistance to local communities, and provide mechanisms for regular program evaluation and greater accountability, among other changes. Once published, HUD will accept public comment on the proposed rule before it takes effect.

**FAQs on LeadingAge test ordering website available now.** To help aging services providers navigate utilization of the LeadingAge test ordering website, we asked a number of FAQs of HHS and wrote them up for those ordering tests. The FAQs can be found at [this link](#).

**Anticipated Delay of Fiscal Year 2024 White House Budget Request.** Observers expect the President's FY24 budget request to Congress to be delayed until March, potentially pushing back Congress's appropriations timeline. The President's budget request is considered the first step in the federal budget process that includes passing annual appropriations bills that fund the government. Although federal law sets the target date of the President's budget request as the First Monday in February, this

timeline often shifts depending on the circumstances. We will provide additional updates on the federal budget process as it evolves.

**HUD Virtual REAC NSPIRE "Get Ready Session."** This week in Washington, DC, HUD's Office of Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) is hosted an in-person "Get Ready Session" for NSPIRE, HUD's new [physical inspection protocol](#). HUD also made a virtual attendance opportunity available, including for LeadingAge members. As a reminder, REAC NSPIRE sessions are available in [various cities](#) over the coming weeks.

**Reminder: Deadlines Approaching for HUD COVID-19 Supplemental Payments** During office hours hosted this week by LeadingAge, we discussed an overview of CSPs and reviewed our [FAQs with the latest info from HUD](#). The deadline to request reimbursement through HUD for COVID-19 expenses is February 22<sup>nd</sup> for expenditures completed or committed by January 31. Updates to LeadingAge's FAQs are coming soon.