

Hospice Weekly: Recap of LeadingAge Updates

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LeadingAge Member Calls: On **Monday August 7th**, we will welcome Steve Moran, Publisher, Senior Living Foresight. He will discuss leadership, employee engagement, development, and other strategies and insight on maintaining and growing senior living and the workforce. On **Wednesday August 9th**, we will welcome Mary Munoz, Senior Managing Director, Senior Living Finance Practice. She will talk about trends in business transactions, affiliations, and other factors impacting long term sustainability and survivability.

Members and other interested individuals can sign up to join LeadingAge's Policy Update calls [here](#). You can also find previous call recordings of every 3:30 LeadingAge call [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.

CMS contractor data breach means new Medicare identification numbers being issued for some beneficiaries. CMS sent letters to people with Medicare who may have been affected by a [recent data breach](#). They are mailing approximately 47,000 new Medicare cards with a new MBI to those affected. [Learn](#) what to do if your resident or patient's MBI changes. Ask your resident/patient for their new Medicare card if you get "invalid member ID" when [checking Medicare eligibility](#). Access your [Medicare Administrative Contractor's secure internet portal](#) to use the MBI look-up tool if your resident/patient didn't get a new Medicare card yet.

Summer Recess Means Opportunity for Aging Services Providers. As the House and Senate break for recess, now is the time to invite your members of Congress to experience firsthand the incredible services you deliver and see the impact of workforce challenges. [Sign up for more information](#) and resources from LeadingAge to support Congress in Your Neighborhood. After the visit to your community or organization, fill out this short [Congressional Visit Survey](#) to share what you learned—and for a chance at a free registration to the 2023 LeadingAge Annual Meeting in Chicago, November 5-8.

Senators Rosen and Boozman introduce new bill authorizing a long term care commission. Senator Rosen (D-NV) and Senator Boozman (R-AR) introduced the bipartisan *Supporting Our Seniors Act*. This bill would create a National Advisory Commission on long term care services. The Commission would assess and provide regular reporting to Congress on service delivery, financing, workforce adequacy, and other issues related to long term care in order to increase access to affordable services. LeadingAge supports this legislation and appreciates that Senators Rosen and Boozman are focusing on the need for a robust conversation on long term care financing, the workforce, and other aspects of long term care.

CMMI announces new dementia focused model. On July 31st, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) announced the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) model.

- GUIDE is an 8 year voluntary model that will be available to be offered by eligible providers in all 50 states, the U.S. territories, and DC. The model is designed to attract a range of Medicare Part B providers with expertise and capabilities to provide ongoing longitudinal care and support for people living with dementia and those who care for them. This model is focused on dementia care in the home and community.

- Eligible providers must be Medicare Part B enrolled providers/suppliers excluding DME and laboratory providers who are eligible to bill the Physician Fee Schedule services and agree to meet the care delivery requirements of the model. If a potential participant cannot meet the care delivery requirements alone, they can contract to meet them.
- Eligible beneficiaries must be enrolled in Medicare FFS, not residing in a nursing home, and not be enrolled in PACE or hospice. Hospice and PACE organizations can participate if they utilize a separate Part B TIN.
- Payment will be a monthly per beneficiary per month payment for providing care management and coordination, caregiver education and support services. Services are to be provided to both beneficiaries and their unpaid caregivers. There is a separate respite care payment and for some providers, a infrastructure payment to support program development activities.
- There are two program tracks – an established program and a new program. Established programs will begin the model on July 1, 2024. New programs will start on July 1, 2025; the 2024-2025 year will be a pre-implementation year.

A webinar on the new GUIDE model is being offered on **August 10th, 2023 at 2pm et.** Registration can be found [here](#). A nonbinding [letter of interest](#) is due on September 15th, 2023. A more detailed article from LeadingAge on the model will be forthcoming. More information on the model from CMMI can be found [here](#).

Last Week's Hospice Weekly Update. Here is the July 28, 2023 [Hospice Update](#).