



## Senior Housing Weekly October 6, 2023

**Housing Network:** There is **NO Housing Network call on Monday, October 9**. We will resume our Monday 12:30pm calls on October 16. The Housing Network is open to all LeadingAge members. To join, reach out to [Linda](#) or [Juliana](#).

**LeadingAge Policy Update Calls; all calls are at 3:30 p.m. ET. NO CALL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, which is a holiday for many people.** On **Wednesday, October 11**, let's get a firsthand report about Congress in Your Neighborhood. Join us as we chat with **Melanie Hall from the Hospice of Huntington in West Virginia**. She hosted Senator Shelly Capito for a ribbon cutting at her new adult day center. We'll talk about that visit – how the organization prepared, the kinds of information they shared, what kinds of questions came up answer your questions about how effective and energizing hosting members of Congress can be. 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.

**Housing Providers Quarterly Survey: Deadline Monday, October 9.** Add your voice to the LeadingAge quarterly [Affordable Housing Survey](#) by the October 9 deadline. Your anonymous input helps our national policy team understand and prioritize the issues faced by LeadingAge's affordable senior housing membership this quarter and make the case for strong investment and policies in our advocacy.

**HUD Awards \$160M for New Section 202 Homes.** On October 2, HUD announced \$160.1 million in awards to 25 nonprofit organizations, including 11 LeadingAge members, to build and preserve affordable housing for older adults with very low incomes through the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. This is the third round of awards since Congress revived funding for the program in 2018 after several years of zero funding for new Section 202 homes. LeadingAge championed advocacy efforts to bring the Section 202 program back because of its unique attributes: households' incomes are never too low to live in Section 202 housing; rent for each household is based on that household's income and fluctuates as necessary to continuously provide affordable, stable housing; about half of existing and all newly awarded Section 202 communities have service coordinators who connect residents to the services and supports needed to successfully age in community. "HUD's Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program, unique for its focus on older adults and a demonstrated success in ensuring positive outcomes, is a program we fought hard to revive. We're thrilled that these funds are being distributed, and proud to support our members around the country who serve low-income older adults in affordable housing communities," said Katie Smith Sloan, president and CEO, LeadingAge, said in our [statement](#). Read HUD's press release [here](#).

**House HUD Funding Amendments Would Harm, Help Programs.** The full House of Representatives could start consideration of its fiscal year 2024 HUD funding bill later the week of October 9, after a new House Speaker is named. Regardless of the specific timing of the full House considering its HUD FY24 funding bill, the House Committee on Rules allowed members to submit [amendments](#) to the bill, HR

4820, until October 5. Submission of an amendment does not mean the Rules Committee will allow the amendment to be considered.

Of the amendments filed, several are of great concern to LeadingAge:

- An amendment from Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL) would prevent any funds from the bill to be used for financial assistance to “any individual who is — between the ages of 21 to 59, able bodied, is not pregnant, has no medical or physical barriers to employer (sic), and does not have anyone under the age of 18 living with them.”
- An amendment from Rep. Ralph Norman (SC) would prohibit any of the bill’s funding to be used “to implement, administer, apply, enforce, or carry out any diversity, equity, and inclusion office, program, or training.”
- An amendment from Rep. George Santos (R-NY) would defund HUD’s Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity.
- An amendment from Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI) would cut funding for HUD’s Community Development Block Grant program in half.
- An amendment from Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT) would reduce HUD funding by \$4.9 billion “in order to get total spending closer to FY22 levels.”

Two amendments were filed, which LeadingAge supports, to increase funding for HUD’s Section 202 Housing for the Elderly account:

- An amendment from Rep. Seth Magaziner (D-RI) to increase Section 202 funding by \$10 million with funds transferred from HUD administrative support offices.
- An amendment from Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY) to increase Section 202 funding by \$5 million with funds transferred from HUD administrative support and program offices.

The Senate is expected to restart consideration of a three-bill appropriations package, which includes the Senate’s FY24 HUD funding bill, the week of October 16. LeadingAge will continue to work closely on HUD’s FY24 funding to protect and expand resources for affordable senior housing. Take action with this [action alert to urge Congress to do more, not less for affordable senior housing](#).

**NSPIRE Now Effective for HUD’s Senior Housing Communities.** Beginning October 1, HUD’s new National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) are effective for HUD-assisted Multifamily Housing programs, including Section 202 senior housing communities. HUD’s new NSPIRE protocol represents a comprehensive overhaul of the agency’s housing safety oversight approach. HUD published the final NSPIRE rule on May 11, 2023, and published final standards, scoring, and administrative notices for Multifamily Housing providers in June and July. Moving forward, Multifamily Housing properties will not receive housing inspections under the previous protocol (UPCS) but will be inspected under NSPIRE. Properties will continue receiving a 28-notice before an inspection. LeadingAge worked with HUD and housing providers throughout the transition to NSPIRE and will continue to advocate to ensure a smooth process. Read about LeadingAge’s work on NSPIRE [here](#).

**Affordable Housing at LeadingAge Annual Meeting!** We are excited to learn and connect with affordable housing members from across the country during our upcoming LeadingAge annual meeting in Chicago, November 5-8. Join us for a wide array of housing sessions – with topics ranging from advances in broadband connectivity in affordable housing to new rules and safety standards from HUD to mental health and supportive services enrichment – followed by an affordable housing reception with cash bar on Monday evening; attendees can also sign up for a field trip to tour an affordable housing community or PACE center run by LeadingAge members in the Chicago area. A full breakdown of the annual meeting content for housing providers is available [here](#); to register for the annual meeting, click [here](#).

**(hint: housing provider to receive LeadingAge Award of Honor!) Meet the 2023 LeadingAge Award Winners.** LeadingAge Awards celebrate individual members who model excellence in mission-focused aging services and merit national recognition. This year's Awards recipients continue their predecessors' tradition of innovative, transformative leadership. Both will be honored at the 2023 [LeadingAge Annual Meeting](#), November 5-8 in Chicago.

- **Award of Honor:** The Award of Honor is awarded to an individual who has provided nationally significant, transformative leadership in aging services. Read about this year's Award of Honor recipient, Roger Myers, president and CEO of [Presbyterian Villages of Michigan](#), Southfield, MI. [Learn about his contributions](#) to aging services, dedication to community partnerships, and mentorship of the next generation of leaders.
- **Joan Anne McHugh Award for Leadership in LTSS Nursing:** The Joan Anne McHugh Award recognizes a nurse leader who creates a supportive and engaged workplace environment by displaying excellent leadership skills while managing nursing and frontline staff. This year's McHugh Award goes to Melanie Johnson, RN, director of nursing for Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill, NC. [Learn about how Johnson](#) supports staff, pursues new challenges, and builds relationships with residents and families.

**Register for 2023 LeadingAge Annual Meeting in Chicago, Nov. 5-8, [here](#).**

Below are links to a guide for Annual Meeting sessions that may be of interest by topic area:

- [Affordable Housing](#)
- [Home Health and Hospice](#)
- [Life Plan Communities](#)
- [Medicaid HCBS and PACE](#)
- [Quality](#)

**Call for Sessions Now Open: 2024 LeadingAge Annual Meeting + EXPO.** Presenting at a LeadingAge Annual Meeting is an amazing opportunity that allows for growth in the field, engagements of participants, and inspires new ideas that could change how we provide services and care. Don't miss your chance to deliver key messages at one of the largest events in the sector. [Review submission guidelines here](#). Proposals will be accepted until 8:00 p.m. ET on December 5, 2023. If you have an idea for a housing session and want to talk it through, feel free to reach out to [Linda](#) or [Juliana](#).

**Did You Know?** The LeadingAge website has pages for different types of aging services, including an [Affordable Housing landing page](#). While you'll always find great information on our home page, the Affordable Housing page is all housing, all the time! Bookmark it, and enjoy!