



## Senior Housing Weekly Recap

April 17, 2026

**No Housing Network Call April 20; Next Call: April 27, 12:30 p.m. ET.** We will not have our regular Housing Network call this coming Monday, April 20, due to our Leadership Summit in Washington, DC. Our next weekly housing network call will be on Monday, April 27, at 12:30 p.m. ET, where we will discuss the latest on affordable housing, including take-aways from our “lobby day” on the Hill with members, as well as the publication of new VAWA forms by HUD. The Housing Network meets weekly on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. ET and is open to all provider members of LeadingAge. For details on joining the Network and other affordable housing groups that LeadingAge convenes, visit our [website](#) or contact [Juliana Bilowich](#).

**Take Action Today! Urge Congress to Invest in Housing Stability for Older Adults.** On March 18, LeadingAge sent a [letter to House and Senate appropriators](#) outlining our fiscal year 2027 (FY27) appropriations priorities to address the growing crisis of housing unaffordability among older adults with low incomes. LeadingAge called on Congress to address this crisis by providing robust, full-year funding for housing and homeless assistance programs, such as Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) contracts, Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRACs), service coordinators, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs, and the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME). Aging services stakeholders can easily reach out to your own senators and representatives using [this action alert](#).

**LeadingAge Urges HUD to Withdraw “Mixed Status” Proposal.** In comments submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on April 17, [LeadingAge urged the agency to reverse course](#) on a proposal to change the way HUD provides housing assistance to families with mixed immigration statuses in programs like Public Housing and Section 8, including Section 202/8. The proposed rule, published by HUD on February 20 and commonly referred to as the “mixed status” proposed rule, is similar to a 2019 effort by the first Trump administration to prevent HUD from providing rental assistance to entire families in which not all family members demonstrate an eligible immigration status. Current policy allows families to stay together: HUD-assisted communities prorate the amount of rental assistance available based on family members who have specifically demonstrated eligible immigration status, allowing for mixed status families to remain living together without HUD paying subsidy to ineligible family members. The February 2026 proposed rule, titled “[Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status](#),” mirrors the 2019 effort by shortening the currently indefinite proration approach to 90 days while the families provide appropriate paperwork. Family members who are unable to contend immigration status would either need to split up from the family or would cause the entire family to be deemed ineligible for rental assistance. HUD’s data estimates that this will impact more than 20,000 families, with the heaviest impact falling on children whose parents cannot demonstrate eligible immigration status. The February proposed rule also proposes to change the way that HUD-assisted older adults demonstrate their immigration-based eligibility. Current HUD policy allows housing providers to accept self-certifications of immigration status from older adults because they frequently lack access to certain kinds of documents, like birth certificates or Social Security cards. The February 2026 proposed rule would eliminate the self-certification option, resulting in significantly increased burden for housing communities, while also

potentially leading to housing instability for older adults, as well as members of their families with caregiving responsibilities. Because the current approach is both effective and streamlined, and the proposed rule change adds burden, harm, and cost, LeadingAge is urging the agency to withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety. Read LeadingAge's comments [here](#).

**HUD Posts Corrected VAWA Forms.** In an April 17 stakeholder message, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) stated that it had published updated forms related to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) "for use by Contract Administrators (CAs) and HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing staff when conducting Management and Occupancy Reviews (MORs)." LeadingAge had been expecting updated forms and factsheets to be published by the agency for use by providers; we are analyzing the HUD forms, which are available [here](#) (VAWA forms are numbered HUD-5380 through HUD-5384). In its stakeholder message, HUD recommends that housing providers direct questions to local field offices, as well as the HUD Office on Gender-Based Violence ([ogbv@hud.gov](mailto:ogbv@hud.gov)).

**HUD Northeast Region Call Rescheduled: May 4, 1:30pm ET: Register Today!** For LeadingAge members located in the [HUD's Northeast Multifamily Housing](#) region, please join us for our regular calls with the [HUD Northeast Region - hosted by LeadingAge Maryland](#). On this page, you'll also find summaries of previous calls, including the January 2026 call. Questions or concerns can be directed to [@Annalyse Komoroske Denio](#) or [@MD - Allison Cibrowski](#).

**Lobby Day Materials.** Materials for LeadingAge's April 22 Lobby Day are now available [here](#), under "Lobby Day April 2026." Materials include our [Quick Look Talking Points](#), a [List of Key Bills](#), and overviews of our asks for [Affordable Senior Housing](#), [Aging Services Workforce](#), [Home & Community-Based Care](#), [Hospice](#), [Medicare Home Health](#), [Medicare & Medicare Advantage](#), and [Nursing Homes](#).

**Register Today for LeadingAge Webinar: "Fair Housing in Focus: From Policy to Practice" on April 30 & May 14.** Join LeadingAge for a two-part webinar exploring fair housing issues impacting senior housing. As the federal government rolls out policies, experts from the Fair Housing Institute will help senior housing providers understand current expectations and apply them in day-to-day operations with confidence. [Register today](#) and secure the LeadingAge member rate.

**New on the Learning Hub: Immigration Compliance for Aging Services Employers.** On Thursday, June 4, from 2:00–3:15 p.m. ET, LeadingAge will host a [webinar](#) to provide practical, employer-focused guidance on key immigration compliance issues facing aging services providers. The webinar will cover employment verification requirements, including Form I-9, as well as how employers can prepare for and respond to immigration enforcement actions while supporting workforce stability. It is intended for aging services providers seeking clear, up-to-date information on their responsibilities as employers amid a changing immigration policy environment.

**Reminder: Explore LeadingAge's Policy Priorities for Affordable Housing for Fiscal Year 2026!** Our [2026 policy priorities](#) are ready to go! Together with our LeadingAge membership, we advocate on the Hill and with the Trump administration to advance our top goals for senior housing and other aging services settings. Onward!

**Reminder: Immigration Enforcement Preparedness Guide Updated.** In response to feedback from some of our affordable senior housing providers, we have updated the resource on immigration enforcement

preparedness to include additional guidance for housing providers on potential enforcement actions targeting residents. You can access the new version [here](#).

**Reminder: Join LeadingAge Housing Network and Workgroups!** LeadingAge's affordable housing policy team is hosting network and discussion groups for peer sharing and federal updates. More information about our calls for 2026 is available [here](#).

**Weekly National Policy Pulse Calls.** Over 1000 of your LeadingAge peers join us weekly for our National Policy Pulse calls when we keep members equipped to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of aging services national policy. The calls are on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. ET If you're interested in signing up for the calls, please sign up using [the link on our National Policy Pulse webpage](#).