



## Medicaid, HCBS, and PACE Weekly Recap

July 31, 2026

**Next Adult Day Network Call:** August 27, 2026 @ 1 p.m. ET; Register [here](#)

**Next PACE Network Call:** August 18 @ 1 p.m. ET; Register [here](#)

**Weekly National Policy Pulse Calls.** Join more than 1000 of your LeadingAge peers for our National Policy Pulse calls where 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 these members-only calls, please sign up using [the link on our National Policy Pulse webpage](#).

**Judge Denies Injunction in Work Requirements Suit, Rule Effective July 31.** A Massachusetts District Court [denied](#) the request of 26 states to halt enforcement of the Medicaid Interim Final Rule on Community Engagement Requirements in their state. In the [suit](#), filed on June 29, the plaintiffs alleged that the IFR went significantly beyond the statute by requiring individuals seeking exclusion through "medical frailty" to demonstrate a connection between their serious or complex medical condition and their inability to meet the work requirement. The suit claims that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) rule did not contemplate the burden on the implementing states, was arbitrary and capricious in their expansion beyond the statute and called for "preliminary relief ... to avert irreparable harm" by staying the IFR's challenged provisions and effective date of July 31 in the plaintiff states. Preliminary relief was denied to the plaintiff states, though the judge indicated upcoming consultation of the parties to conduct full briefing of the arguments prior to the January 1 compliance date for work reporting requirements. The rule is effective July 31, and states will be proceeding accordingly with establishment of policy and IT systems necessary for compliance. Even if the suit proceeds, with a ruling in favor of the plaintiffs, work reporting requirements will remain, though some of the more onerous additions in the rule, such as qualification for an exclusion will be rolled back. Our article on the release of the rule is available [here](#).

**Announcing LeadingAge Clinical Procedure Manual, 23rd Edition!** Newly updated in 2026, more than 300 clinical procedures to ensure high-quality and consistent care delivery. The LeadingAge Clinical Procedure Manual (CPM) is a must-have tool for providers committed to ensuring high quality care. Procedures are the backbone of clinical practice. Providers can use the CPM to ensure they are performed with reliable consistency by every clinician, every time. From activities of daily living to clinical tasks to safety and wound care, the manual covers a wide range of procedures that home and community-based and other providers deliver every day. Members receive a 30% discount. Read more about the manual including a list of procedures and a sample chapter [here](#).

**Join the National Healthcare at Home Best Practices Study.** LeadingAge is excited to announce the launch of the second National Healthcare at Home Best Practices Study led by HealthPivots. As a study sponsor, LeadingAge encourages home health and hospice agencies to participate in the study to ensure a strong showing of nonprofit, mission driven providers. This is a valuable opportunity to benchmark your agency's practices against peers nationally and gain insights that can help shape future strategy. We encourage you to sign up today to ensure your agency doesn't miss out on the results. For agencies who already signed up for the study, you should have received a survey link via email. Links and reminders are sent every Tuesday, so please check your inbox (and spam folder) if you haven't seen yours. Those who did not previously sign

up can [Sign Up Here](#), and a survey link will be sent to you. The deadline to participate is September 15. Only participating agencies will receive the aggregate results from the study.

#### **USCIS Confirms Termination of TPS for Haiti—EADs No Longer Valid, Immediate Reverification Required:**

Following Monday's update to the [Haiti Temporary Protected Status \(TPS\) page](#) U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has issued [additional guidance confirming](#) that Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti is terminated, effective July 27, 2026 and further informing employers that all associated Employment Authorization Documents are no longer valid:

"Forms I-766, Employment Authorization Document, (EADs) with category A12 or C19 issued to TPS Haiti beneficiaries are no longer valid. **Employers completing Form I-9 must reverify TPS Haiti beneficiaries who presented these EADs and cannot continue to employ a person who does not provide proof of current employment authorization.**"(emphasis in original)

#### **What this means for employers:**

- Forms I-766 (EADs) with category A12 or C19 issued to TPS Haiti beneficiaries are no longer valid, effective immediately.
- Employers must [reverify](#) any employee who presented an EAD bearing one of these codes for Form I-9 purposes.
- Employers cannot continue to employ anyone who does not provide proof of current employment authorization.

**Recommended next steps:** If you have not done so already immediately identify any employees with TPS Haiti-based A12/C19 EADs on file and begin [reverification](#), documenting all actions taken.

You may wish to direct affected employees to immigration counsel to explore other pathways (pending adjustment of status, other EAD categories, family-based petitions, etc.), but employees unable to present alternative valid work authorization at this time cannot continue in active employment status.

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