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OF SPECIAL NOTE

Oregon CCO regional forums drawing crowds as potential players step forward

Representatives of potential Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and other interested parties are packing into regional forums to learn more about the ambitious transformation of Medicaid-funded health care in Oregon. Last week, 124 attended the forum in Hood River and 76 at the event in LaGrande, while the Portland event on Tuesday was sold out at 310. Upcoming events include:

- Eugene: Thursday, April 19, Lane Community College, 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.
- Medford: Tuesday, April 24, The Red Lion, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Bend: Tuesday May 15, The Riverhouse, 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.

[Learn more or register for upcoming events.](#)

To assist members interested in seeing what organizations have submitted letters of intent to form a CCO, we have posted two documents on the LeadingAge Oregon website: one is organized by service area so members can see who applied in their area of the state; and the other is alphabetical, so you can see whether an organization submitted more than one letter of intent. [Access the CCO documents.](#)

The state is expected to certify initial CCOs by the end of June, with an expected start date of early August for the first CCOs out of the gate. Please note we have a session scheduled at our upcoming Annual Conference to discuss the latest news about CCOs, on Monday, May 21, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Check out the "Headlines" section of our new website

If you haven't already noticed, we are posting headlines related to healthcare reform and other issues of interest to LeadingAge Oregon members almost daily on the [home page of our new website](#), so be sure to check it frequently to keep up with the news!

Welcome to new Homewoods Administrator Laura Engle

A warm LeadingAge Oregon welcome to **Laura Engle**, the new administrator at long-time member Homewoods on the Willamette, a Milwaukie retirement community. This is the second exciting new position in the Engle family - husband **Todd** assumed the role of Executive Director at Friendsview Retirement Community earlier this year. Definitely a family passionate about and committed to aging services!

Nursing Home Preceptors: May 9 training will help you maintain certification

New Nursing Home Administrator rules require nursing home administrators who serve as Preceptors for Administrators in Training to take a Preceptor Training by Dec. 31 to maintain their Preceptor certification. To assist LeadingAge Oregon members who serve as Preceptors, we have scheduled a training on May 9, from noon to 4:30 p.m. at Sysco Food Services in Wilsonville. Participants will receive a copy of NAB's AIT Internship Manual. [View the flier.](#) [Register online.](#)

STATE NEWS

Nursing home culture change waivers to result in on-going citations

Deputy State Fire Marshal Dan Jones has issued a nursing facility Administrator Alert to clarify the "culture change" waivers that CMS is now allowing in nursing homes. Although consumers and providers are delighted that nursing homes can make these changes, they come with a hitch: Because CMS has not formally adopted the changes through regulation, any nursing facility wishing to make the changes must 1) apply for a waiver, and 2) recognize that the facility will continue to receive citations on all future surveys, despite the waiver, until CMS incorporates the changes into regulation.

In cases where waivers are granted, the changes would:

- Increase the amount of wall space that may be covered by combustible decorations
- Permit gas fireplaces in common areas
- Permit items in corridors
- Allow kitchens serving less than 30 residents to be open to corridors within the same smoke compartment.

[Read the Administrator Alert.](#) [Access the Application for Culture Change waiver.](#)

Webinar on new Food Sanitation Rules scheduled May 31

Oregon is updating its Food Sanitation Rules to align with the 2009 FDA Food Code (current rules are based on the 1999 FDA Food Code). Both Oregon's nursing facility rules and ALF/RCF rules require these facilities to comply with current Food Sanitation rules. We have scheduled a webinar to review the rule changes on May 31. The webinar will be presented by Dave Martin, Coordinator of the state's Foodborne Illness Prevention Program. Among the changes Dave will discuss:

- Cut tomatoes and leafy greens will be considered a potentially hazardous food and once cut, (i.e., in salsas, salads, etc.) must be temperature controlled;
- Bare hand contact will be prohibited with ready-to-eat food. In addition to gloves, servers can use tongs, wax paper, other utensils, etc. to avoid bare hand contact.
- The temperature for hot holding will drop from 140 to 135 degrees.

[Read more about the new sanitation rules.](#) [Access the webinar flier.](#) [Register online for the webinar.](#)

DHS issues end of legislative session summary report

The Department of Human Services has issued its Legislative End of Session Summary Report. The document includes a summary of the budget reconciliation bill and its impact on human service areas, as well as key bills affecting Aging and People with Disabilities. [Read the report.](#)

Patient Safety Commission develops new Quick Guide to Nursing Home Reporting

Oregon's Patient Safety Commission has developed a new ["Quick Guide to Nursing Home Reporting"](#) to help nursing facility staff better understand what types of events are "adverse events" that should be reported to the commission. The reporting system is voluntary and confidential; data collected will be used to establish quality improvement techniques to reduce system errors.

In other Patient Safety Commission news:

- Currently, nursing home adverse event reporting forms must be submitted by fax, as the online system is undergoing a system update. Commission staff hope that the new online reporting system will be up and running by the end of summer;
- The Commission has some grant funding available to support the development of tools and educational programs on infection prevention/infection control; we will share more information as it becomes available.

DHS transitioning to online reimbursement requests for nurse aide training

DHS has issued an Administrator Alert announcing that they are transitioning from a paper-based to an online system for Medicaid-certified nursing facilities to request reimbursement for nursing

assistant training. Registration to use the online system opened March 1, and the system was open for reimbursement requests as of April 2. Nursing facilities are asked to register by April 30. The paper-based system will remain an option until Dec. 31, 2012; after that date, nursing homes must use the online system. [Read more in the Administrator Alert.](#) [Access the online reimbursement guide.](#)

Oregon Center for Nursing launches podcast series

The Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) has launched a new podcast series, Oregon NurseCast, to educate nurses about innovative practices, provide tools to facilitate professional practice and encourage conversation among professionals related to nursing in Oregon. Each podcast is about 30 minutes. To listen and sign up for updates on available podcasts, visit the [OCN website](#).

Oregon selected for yet another health care reform initiative

Oregon is one of seven geographic markets that has been selected by the CMS Innovation Center to carry out the Comprehensive Primary Care initiative, a new multi-payer approach that aims to strengthen the primary care system while achieving better health care and lower costs through improvement. Approximately 75 primary care practices within each geographic area will be selected to receive a new care management fee on behalf of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries to support enhanced primary care services. [Read more about the initiative.](#)

NATIONAL NEWS

HUD plans two events to discuss future of Section 202 housing for the elderly

HUD has planned two events next week to discuss the future of Section 202 Housing for the Elderly:

- **April 24:** A webcast on the Proposed Rule for the Section 202 and Section 811 Programs will be held from 11:00 a.m. to noon Pacific time. At the time of the event, log on to the [HUD webcast link](#) to listen to and view the webcast. It will also be recorded and can be viewed later.
- **April 25:** A stakeholders meeting to discuss the future of the Section 202 program will be held at HUD headquarters, with phone conference available for those who can't attend in person. Space is limited on the call, so e-mail brendan.b.mctaggart@hud.gov to RSVP as soon as possible.

OSHA launches national program targeting nursing homes and CCRCs

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has announced a new three-year National Emphasis Program calling for programmed inspections of nursing facilities and CCRCs. The program does not include assisted living facilities without on-site nursing facilities. OSHA will be targeting facilities with a days-away-from-work (DART) rate of 10 or higher per 100 full-time workers. The program will address occupational illness and injuries related to ergonomic stressors in patient lifting; bloodborne pathogens; tuberculosis; workplace violence; slips, trips and falls; and other hazards. [Read more about the program.](#)

Survey paints picture of assisted living residents

A recent analysis of characteristics of assisted living facility residents won't surprise anyone who works in the field. The researchers found that most facilities were largely populated by white women 85 and older, many with dementia. According to the data, 91 percent of residents were non-Hispanic white, and 70 percent were women, while 42 percent were affected by Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia. [Read more.](#)

(MedPage Today)

Report suggests more senior living communities needed

The Center for Housing Policy has issued a new report, "Housing an Aging Population: Are We Prepared?" The report explores the effects of demographic changes on the demand for housing, the challenge of providing meaningful housing choices for older adults of all incomes, and the policies that could help communities across the country respond to the dual challenges of providing older adults with affordable housing and adequate services. LeadingAge is an active member of the National Housing Conference and worked on finalizing the report. [Read the report.](#)

(McKnight's)

Dementia cases projected to triple worldwide by 2050

The World Health Organization (WHO) projects that cases of dementia are set to soar in the coming decades as life expectancy and medical care improve in poorer countries. By 2050, WHO expects the number of people living with dementia worldwide will triple to 115.4 million. [Read more.](#) (USA Today)

Social accountability webinar recordings and resources available

LeadingAge has posted links to resources and recordings from webinars developed by LeadingAge and Holleran on social accountability. Social accountability is a way for nonprofit organizations to tell their organizations' story about how they change the lives of their residents and clients, as well as their impact on the community. Clearly articulating this story is critical for the future of nonprofit organizations across the country. [Access the social accountability resources.](#)

LEADINGAGE OREGON NEWS

Registrations are coming in for Annual Conference; do we have yours?

Plans are full steam ahead for the LeadingAge Oregon Annual Conference, to be held **May 20-23** at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond! A few quick updates:

- **Reservations:** Don't forget to make your room reservation! The resort has generously agreed to extend our room block deadline to **April 30**, but that doesn't mean you want to wait until that date to make your room or condo reservation. Call Eagle Crest Resort at 1.855.682.4786 to ensure your spot!
- **Pre-Conference Golf:** Michael DeShane is once again hosting a Pre-Conference Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m, followed by burgers and beer at his house in Tumalo. Please e-mail Michael at mdeshane@ccliving.com if you would like to play.
- **Early Bird:** Be sure to register for the conference by Friday May 4 to take advantage of our "early bird" conference rates!

It's time to honor your resident volunteers!

This year's LeadingAge Oregon Volunteer Recognition Program will be held **April 25** at Lane County Community College in Eugene. The Volunteer of the Year Luncheon is a recognition program to honor member residents who volunteer both in their senior living community and in their community at large. The luncheon attracts the largest resident program crowd, with attendance well over 150 volunteers, seniors and staff. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the LeadingAge Oregon office. We hope to see you there!

2012 LeadingAge Oregon Annual Conference Exhibit almost sold out

We're just about sold out of exhibit space so if you are planning on exhibiting at the 2012 Annual Conference, get your registration form in now. First come, first served!

Donations sought for 2012 Alliance for Oregon's Elders PAC Auction & Raffle

We are currently accepting donations for our annual PAC Auction and Raffle to be held on May 22 at our Annual Conference. Please consider donating a stay at your timeshare, sports tickets, golf outings, wine collections or anything you think would be of interest at our auction. All proceeds go to the PAC to enable LeadingAge Oregon to work for legislation that benefits our members and their residents.

For more information on the luncheon, trade show or PAC auction and raffle, please call Karen at the LeadingAge Oregon office, 503.684.3788.