

June 15, 2012

Mark your calendar!

LeadingAge Oregon Fall Leadership Conference
October 10-12, 2012
Hood River Inn, Hood River

OF SPECIAL NOTE

In-Home Care Rules finalized; training planned July 24

We have received the [final hearing report](#) for 333-536 relating to In-Home Care Agencies that summarizes all of the comments received by the Public Health Division on the new rules, as well as the Division's responses. According to the Division, the final rules will be effective July 1, but providers will have 90 days (until September 30) to come into compliance. We have posted the [final rules](#) and the new [In-Home Care License Classification Table](#) to the LeadingAge Oregon website.

We have scheduled a training on the new rules with Dana Selover and others from the In-Home Care Agency Team on **July 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the LeadingAge Oregon conference room, as well as by webinar. Webinar details will be sent at a later date.

STATE NEWS

Smoking issues produce IJ citations in nursing facilities

A recent meeting between provider association representatives, Adults and People with Disabilities (APD) and the Fire Marshal's office revealed that smoking policies continue to be an issue in nursing facilities. Recently, three Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) citations were issued related to smoking. It is important that providers remember that they must follow their smoking policies. If a resident has been assessed as needing supervision while smoking but no longer needs it and the assessment has not been changed to reflect that they no longer need supervision, a citation can result. APD and the Fire Marshal's office plan to compile and discuss all codes pertaining to smoking and plan to work with providers to identify best practices.

DHS seeks proposals for Behavior Support Services

Oregon's Department of Human Services has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) to provide Behavior Support Services. DHS expects to award multiple contracts for the period August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2014. To access the RFP, interested providers must create a user ID and password on the state's [procurement website](#).

New Food Sanitation rules take effect July 1

Oregon's Food Sanitation Rules are being updated to the 2009 FDA Food Code as of July 1. Oregon's nursing facility and ALF/RCF rules both require that facilities comply with the food sanitation rules. According to Dave Martin of the Oregon Health Authority, there has been some pushback to the new prohibition on bare hand contact with ready-to-eat food, so there is an outside possibility that the bare hand provision may not be included in the final rules. We will notify members if that is the case. In the meantime, fact sheets on each of the significant rule changes are available on the [state Food Code webpage](#).

Adult Protective Services rules updated

DHS has issued an update of the adult protective services rules, OAR 411-020, to immediately implement provisions of House Bill 4084. The rules now include changes in the way confidential information is handled, and how medical or financial records must be obtained during the course of an adult protective services investigation. [Read the rules](#).

DHS merges two offices to form new Adult Protective Services team

The Department of Human Services' Adult Protective Services (APS) and the Office of Investigations and Training (OIT) have merged to form the new Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations (OAAPI). The merger is the result of stakeholder feedback and recommendations from the legislatively appointed Adult Safety and Protection Team. The new office has over-arching statewide responsibility for assuring that protective services are provided and investigations are commenced in response to reported abuse and neglect. The merged office, headed by Marie Cervantes, is located on the Oregon State Hospital campus.

ADRC website a "one-stop shop" for long-term care resources

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) of Oregon has launched a website that serves as a resource directory for Oregon families, caregivers and consumers seeking information about long-term supports and services. The website includes information about how to assess needs and offers lists of services and facilities available across the state. [Visit the website.](#)

DHS updates background check manuals

The DHS Background Check unit has updated the manuals for CRIMS (Criminal Records Information Management System). [Access the new manuals.](#)

NATIONAL NEWS

LeadingAge develops selection tools for electronic health records (EHRs)

The LeadingAge Center for Aging Services Technologies (CAST) has been working for the past year on an electronic health record (EHR) initiative to help members better understand:

- The steps they need to consider when planning for EHR selection and implementation
- The landscape of EHR offerings available for long-term care and post-acute care settings
- The product selection process based on their needs, business lines and requirements.

As a result of this initiative, two important tools have been developed to assist LeadingAge members:

- The [EHR Online Selection Tool](#), which allows users to select the requirements they need from a set of nine major categories of functionalities, to see which products meet those requirements.
- A whitepaper, "[EHR for LTPAC: A Primer on Planning and Vendor Selection](#)," which outlines detailed steps around planning, assessing and selecting an EHR system and defines the major components that EHR products offer.

We encourage you to check out and take advantage of these new tools!

Invite Congress to your home this summer!

With Congress due to make very important decisions soon on Medicare, Medicaid, housing and other policies, this summer provides a perfect opportunity for you to have an impact on Oregon legislators' decisions. Congress is in recess the first week of July and most of the month of August. While our House members and Senators are home in Oregon, please consider inviting them to visit your organization, meet your residents, clients and staff, and see the kind of innovative services you provide. To get started, check out the LeadingAge [Grassroots Connector](#).

LeadingAge awaiting clarification on effective date of Option 4 rent adjustment changes

LeadingAge is awaiting word from HUD to clarify the effective date of new caps and requirements for Option 4 budget-based rent adjustments. HUD recently issued a notice that essentially stated that the caps and new requirements went live the day after the HUD notice of page changes. However, the page changes indicate that providers have 150 days to implement the new provisions. Colleen Bloom at LeadingAge asks members to notify her at cbloom@leadingage.org if the confusion causes any problems with looming deadlines.

Care Transitions webinars available online

The Administration on Aging (AoA) has developed a variety of resources to encourage aging services providers to get involved with healthcare transformation and improving care transitions between hospital stays and home or long-term care settings. The AoA website includes information and links to resources as well as a growing number of recorded webinars on various topics related to effective care transitions. [Access the care transitions resources.](#)

[LEADINGAGE OREGON NEWS](#)

Apply now for the LeadingAge Oregon Leadership Academy!

Is the LeadingAge Oregon Leadership Academy right for you - or someone you know? The goal of the Leadership Academy (formerly Leadership Alliance) is to identify and develop emerging leaders to help strengthen their personal leadership skills, their organizations, the aging services field, and potentially the leadership of LeadingAge Oregon. The 2012-2013 class will be our fourth, and we continue to be delighted with the energy and enthusiasm that participants bring to this year of leadership exploration, as well as the connections that are being fostered between participants and their organizations. Please take a look at the application (located on the [Leadership Academy web page](#)) and consider applying today!

"Best Friends" seminar July 18 offers affordable memory care CEUs

LeadingAge Oregon is sponsoring a full-day educational program on July 18 on The Best Friends Approach to Dementia Care, presented and facilitated by member Mary Scott, Administrator at Lydia's House Alzheimer's Care Community at Mennonite Village and a Master Trainer in the Best Friends approach. This program is particularly valuable for direct care workers, who will be able to learn, practice and share tips and techniques with their peers from other organizations. The class will be held at Sysco Food Services in Wilsonville; a discounted rate is available for multiple registrations. [View the flier](#). [Register online](#).

LeadingAge Oregon plans screening of "Age of Champions"

Age of Champions is the award-winning documentary following five competitors who sprint, leap, and swim for gold at the National Senior Olympics. The film premiered to a standing ovation at the prestigious Silverdocs Film Festival and has since shown at more than 700 venues around the world.

LeadingAge Oregon is partnering with "Age of Champions" and hosting a screening of the documentary on **July 18 at Holladay Park Plaza** in Portland at 2:30 p.m. Popcorn will be served! After the screening, we will take time to discuss the film and how we can best utilize it going forward. RSVP to knichols@leadingageoregon.org.

This partnership will result in member discounts on screening kits and other items for use in your own communities. Information on how to obtain your discounts and screen the movie in your community will be forthcoming following the screening.

Willamette View to host Ageless Art Luncheon

The Ageless Art contest judging, viewing and luncheon will be held on **August 23** at Willamette View, Portland. The Ageless Art participant guide and entry form can be found on the [Resident Programs](#) page of the LeadingAge Oregon website.

The contest began in 1986 with residents of our member organizations submitting more than 100 pieces of art in a variety of media each year. Guest artist judges judge the entries and the top 10 pieces are chosen as "Judges Choice," with approximately 40 others receiving honorable mention. This year all winning entries will be featured in an art exhibit located in the State Capitol Galleria and can be viewed there from September 18 – October 1, 2012. All exhibited artwork will be photographed and a DVD will be created and made available to artists and members.