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## **OF SPECIAL NOTE**

Thanks to all of the LeadingAge Oregon members who made the Capitol Hill Visits to Oregon's congressional representatives while in Washington DC! We have a solid, dedicated team of members who make it a priority to make visits with our congressional delegates to keep our face and issues in front of them as the budget debate continues.

### **14 would-be CCOs apply to be first out of the gate**

Fourteen entities have submitted technical applications as part of "wave one" to become coordinated care organizations (CCOs) by August 1. If certified, the proposed CCOs would cover more than 90 percent of Oregon Health Plan clients. [View the list of 14 technical applicants.](#) The 14 organizations have begun scheduling required public presentations in their local communities. View the list of already-scheduled public meetings and watch for future presentations not yet scheduled on the [Oregon Health Authority CCO website.](#) More technical applications are expected in June, July and August.

Also this week, state officials are breathing a sigh of relief with the announcement that the state of Oregon and the Obama administration have reached agreement on plans and funding for Oregon's coordinated health care system for its Medicaid population. An initial \$620 million will come from the federal government in 2013, with a total of \$1.9 billion expected over five years. The agreement is a critical component in the state's 2011-2013 budget.

In other health transformation news:

- Adults & People with Disabilities (APD - formerly Seniors & People with Disabilities, or SPD), has created a special [APD Health Systems Transformation Website](#) dedicated to the role that coordinated care organizations (CCOs) will play in relation to long-term services and supports funded by the state. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to subscribe to the website for updates and information.
- The Oregon Center for Public Policy has posted a fact sheet on the ["ABCs of CCOs"](#) that answers a number of basic questions about how CCOs aim to transform healthcare in Oregon that could serve as a primer for staff and board members.

Please note that a representative from APD's Health Systems Transformation team plans to join us at the **LeadingAge Oregon Annual Conference** at Eagle Crest Resort for the session, "Oregon in Transition: Update on CCOs and the Housing with Services Demonstration Project," to be held on Monday, May 21, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **In-Home Care Rules comments submitted**

LeadingAge Oregon submitted [formal comments](#) on the proposed [In-Home Care Agency rules](#). Health Care Licensure and Certification will compile and respond to all comments received by the deadline of April 20. Following that, the final rule incorporating any changes resulting from public comment will be published with an effective date. Once the final rules are adopted, we will plan to schedule a webinar to review the rule changes.

### **State nursing home surveyors re-issue window blind cord safety alert**

The DHS office of Licensing and Regulatory Oversight has re-issued its safety alert regarding window blind cords. Originally issued in June 2011, the alert notifies nursing facilities that window blind cords should be secured in a manner in which cognitively impaired residents are not able to access them. This includes securing the cords up and off the window sills and not hanging loose in a manner in which residents may wrap the cords around themselves, causing injury or death. Loose window blind cords may be cited at the Immediate Jeopardy level. Please be sure to share this information with your environmental services staff. [Read the alert.](#)

### **Emergency preparedness survey targets Northwest Oregon providers**

LeadingAge Oregon has partnered with the Northwest Oregon Health Preparedness Organization (HPO) on an emergency preparedness survey for long-term care facilities. The HPO is a coalition of hospitals/health care systems, governmental emergency managers, and public health agencies focused on preparing Northwest Oregon to respond to a large-scale health emergency. This group has expanded its planning to learn more about long-term care facilities and their emergency preparedness.

Nursing, assisted living and residential care facilities in Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington counties are asked to respond to the survey by **Monday, May 14**. [Access the survey.](#)

### **Patient Safety Commission develops Oregon Adverse Event Disclosure Guide**

The Oregon Patient Safety Commission has developed the [Oregon Adverse Event Disclosure Guide](#), which includes guidance and resources for healthcare organizations on disclosing information to patients and families when unintended harm, or the potential for harm, happens as a result of medical care provided to a patient or resident. The guide helps providers better understand the purpose of disclosure and provides resources to develop and improve disclosure programs. It also provides significant support regarding Oregon's law that requires that written notification be provided when serious harm occurs (ORS 442.819).

### **Commission sets 2012 Patient Safety Reporting Program recognition targets**

In other Patient Safety Commission news, the commission has set its 2012 reporting program recognition targets. The targets are intended to guide nursing homes and other healthcare organizations participating in the Patient Safety Reporting Program and ensure that the commission receives enough adverse event reports to build a strong database for learning. Nursing homes will meet targets if they submit four or more adverse event reports, and will exceed targets if other criteria are met. The most diligent reporters will receive special recognition from the Commission each year. [Read more about the 2012 recognition targets.](#)

### **ALFs/RCFs: Inform case managers about resident changes that may affect placement**

The DHS Office of Licensing and Regulatory Oversight has issued an alert reminding community-based care facilities that they must notify a Medicaid resident's case manager when it is believed that residents need to be moved from one setting to another. According to DHS, some facilities have moved residents who appear to be having problems with their cognition from one setting to another on the same campus, but case managers are not informed of the resident's change of condition, or the move. Moving residents without informing the case manager could affect a facility's reimbursement. [Read the Alert.](#)

### **Background check unit posts new CRIMs manual, updated rules**

The DHS Background Check Unit has posted a new QED CRIMS manual now that the online Criminal Records Information Management System (CRIMS), has rolled out to almost all users. In addition, new temporary rules have also been posted, mainly to add abuse check language required under HB 4084. [Access the updates.](#)

### **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.](#)

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Newspaper posts antipsychotic use data for all U.S. nursing homes**

The Boston Globe newspaper has published an in-depth analysis of antipsychotic use in U.S. nursing homes that includes 2010 data for nursing homes in all 50 states. The report is a response to a new initiative by CMS to reduce the inappropriate use of antipsychotics by nursing home residents. Data is posted comparing the percentage of nursing home residents without psychosis or related conditions who receive antipsychotics; residents with Medicaid coverage; residents with behavior problems; and nurse minutes per resident per day. [View the data](#) to see how Oregon nursing homes compare in these categories. Read the articles:

[Use of Antipsychotic Drugs Raises Alarm](#)  
[Finding Alternatives to Potent Sedatives](#)

### **White paper outlines how SNFs can position themselves for accountable care**

Skilled nursing facilities should attack readmissions now and market their attractive outcomes to be well positioned when readmissions-related cuts begin impacting hospitals this fall, according to a white paper by Teresa Chase, President and CEO of American HealthTech. The white paper includes information about what hospitals are looking for in nursing facility partners as well as data nursing facilities need to collect. [Read the white paper.](#)

### **NLRB Poster requirement delayed due to court challenge**

A U.S. Court of Appeals has issued an order blocking enforcement of a National Labor Relations Board rule requiring employers to post a notice in the workplace advising employees of their rights under the National Labor Relations Act. As a result of the order, the April 30 deadline for employers to display the poster is no longer in effect.

### **HUD creates new web portals for Sections 202, 811 programs**

HUD has created a [new web portal](#) for the Section 202 Housing for the Elderly program. The websites are the place to find everything you need related to the program, including NOFAs, handbooks, notices, regulations, property listings and tenant information. A similar website has been developed for [Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities.](#)

### **HUD owners required to obtain DUNS, CCR numbers**

HUD has issued notice H 2012-6 requiring owners with Project-Based Section 8 Rental Assistance Contracts, Section 202 or 811 Project Rental Assistance Contracts, Rental Assistance Payments or Rent Supplement Contracts to obtain DUNS numbers and to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR). Covered entities must obtain the DUNS number and register with CCR within 60 days of the publication date of the notice, which was April 25. [Read the notice.](#)

## **LEADINGAGE OREGON NEWS**

### **We're counting down to our 2012 Annual Conference!**

We're excited to see those of you who will be joining us May 20-23 at Eagle Crest Resort for our 2012 Annual Conference! In addition to attending thought-provoking educational sessions, you'll want to watch for opportunities to win prizes by participating in wellness activities or playing our "LeadingAge Oregon" game!

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time!

[Read the conference brochure.](#)

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