



**MEMBER BRIEFING:
OHA Guidance, APD Stakeholder Call, New CMS NF Requirements
April 20, 2020**

OF SPECIAL NOTE

APD Stakeholder Call on Wednesday

The COVID-19 crisis has been all-consuming for the Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) program since February. They will update the APD stakeholder community on what APD has been doing to respond as well as answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please join the call on Wednesday. Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday, April 22
Time: 11 a.m. to noon
Conference Line: 1-844-291-6358
Access Code: 7242624

The CARES Act and Other Financial Relief – Free Webinar

The CARES Act provides significant relief for all businesses, including those providing long-term care and senior living services. Although people initially focused on the expansion of the payroll protection program (PPP) loans, other important relief provisions are available. Please join us for a webinar **Thursday, April 23, 2:00-3:00 pm**, moderated by [Gabi Sanchez](#) at which:

- [Joe Greenman](#) will give an update on developments in Washington, D.C. that impact long-term care and senior living business, including the possible enactment of the fourth coronavirus relief bill.
- [Eric Kodesch](#) will summarize the following tax relief provisions in the CARES Act: the employee retention credit, the deferred due date of the employer portion of social security taxes, and the relaxation of rules limiting the deductibility of net operating losses and interest.
- [Greg Pyle](#) will summarize favorable loans available under the CARES Act, including Main Street Lending Program loans.

Learn more and register [here](#).

STATE NEWS

OHA Develops COVID-19 Guidance for Senior Housing

LeadingAge Oregon and Doug Williams, VP of Housing on LeadingAge Oregon's Board of Directors and Administrator at Westmoreland Union Manor provided feedback on guidance being developed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for independent senior living communities. We also submitted a specific

list of questions and guidance sought on behalf of our housing members. The “final” guidance is now available on the OHA COVID-19 website under “Older Adults” and “Housing Services”:
<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>. The guidance document is currently available in both English and Spanish. Please let us know if there is a need for additional translation and we’ll pass on to OHA. The answers to our specific questions can be found [here](#).

RESOURCES & TOOLS

Recognize Our Field with Careers in Aging Week

It’s Careers in Aging Week – be sure to [post your available positions on our Job Board](#)! Join the much-needed recognition of our field using [this easy toolkit](#) of ideas and sample social media posts.

New Insights and Tools from LeadingAge

LeadingAge staff experts are developing essential guidance and tools, and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers.

- [New Guidance for Healthcare Facility Mortgage Relief](#) (REVISED)
- [HUD Provides Guidance on Stimulus Checks; IRS Changes Plan for SSI Recipients](#)
- [Summary of HUD’s April 17 Recording](#)
- [FCC’s Telehealth COVID-19 Funds](#)
- [Provider Relief Fund Resources and Attestation Portal Launched](#)
- [IRS Provides Short-Term, Limited Housing Credit Relief](#)

A complete [timeline of insights, tools, and useful links is available here](#), so you’ll never miss an update.

NATIONAL NEWS

CMS Announces New COVID-19 Reporting Requirements for Nursing Homes

CMS announced upcoming requirements for nursing home reporting of COVID-19 in a [Quality, Safety & Oversight group memo](#) on April 19. CMS reinforced existing requirements for reporting to state and local health departments on COVID-19 confirmed or suspected cases and clusters of respiratory illness, then announced that new requirements are forthcoming. Nursing homes will be required to additionally report information on cases and clusters directly to CDC through the National Health Safety Network (NHSN) system. Providers should visit the [CDC’s NHSN page](#) to familiarize themselves with this system and process and work out any issues ahead of the impending requirement. CDC will publicly report this information, while using this data to support surveillance, monitor trends, and inform policy.

LeadingAge is concerned about the potential for enforcement actions as stated in the announcement. At a time when nursing home providers are already managing an unprecedented crisis, the prospect of an enforcement action due to a new, complex and duplicative reporting system seems unnecessarily punitive. The hope is that CMS will recommend the same review and approval prior to the implementation of remedies as was recommended for survey citations in Attachment A of the [March 4 QSO memo](#). Read LeadingAge’s the full article [here](#).