



**CORONAVIRUS MEMBER BRIEFING:  
NF Blanket Waiver, PPE, Job Board  
April 6, 2020**

**OF SPECIAL NOTE**

**Responding to Negative Views on Aging Services During the Pandemic**

LeadingAge members are taking a calm, caring, and thoughtful approach to this growing public health crisis. However, the stark reality is that, in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, we all are forced to continue to fight long-standing, negative narratives. We can assure you that we are carrying forward the truth about the incredible work you are doing in the face of this global pandemic. [Here's how.](#)

**STATE NEWS**

**DHS Summarizes COVID-19 CMS Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health care Providers Centers**

DHS has issued [Provider Alert NF-20-75](#) as a summary of the proactive steps The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has taken under the 1135 Waiver process to temporarily waive certain nursing facility federal regulations in order to support aggressive efforts against COVID-19. The purpose of this alert is to provide a summary of the requirements that have been waived by CMS. **Facilities are responsible for reading all information outlined in the document released by CMS titled [COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health care Providers](#).** The following topics are addressed in the waiver. Please see the Provider Alert [here](#) for the summary.

- 3-Day Prior Hospitalization
- Reporting Minimum Data Set
- Staffing Data Submission
- Waive Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASARR)
- Resident Groups
- Training and Certification of Nurse Aides
- Physician Visits in Skilled Nursing Facilities/Nursing Facilities
- Resident Transfer and Discharge

Note: There are exceptions to these waivers outlined in the CMS document. **These waivers DO NOT require a request to be sent to the CMS Regional Office or that notification be made to any of CMS's regional offices.** For more information on Coronavirus Waivers and Flexibilities, please visit [CMS's website](#).

## RESOURCES & TOOLS

### Post Your Open Jobs Today

Don't forget that LeadingAge Oregon is establishing a clearinghouse to help connect displaced workers from fields such as dining, retail, and hospitality with available jobs in aging services. To participate, post your open jobs of all kinds (including temporary positions and those that do not require certification) on the [LeadingAge Oregon Job Board](#). Postings are FREE to members to make it easier for you to fill staff roles during this unprecedented time of need. [Learn more about how to post your jobs now.](#)

### The Challenge of PPE

Members are well aware of the current challenges acquiring personal safety masks, gowns, hand sanitizer, and other PPE. The typical manufacturers you would usually use have months-long waits or are restricting sales to existing customers only. At the same time, counterfeit products have been flooding the market—making it hard to identify trustworthy sources. Experts have advised LeadingAge that members should reach out to local and state governments for help getting needed supplies. Still, LeadingAge is reaching out to suppliers of PPE in an effort to identify safe, reliable supply channels for members to check with as a potential supplement to your existing vendors. We're sharing the information we find on our [Business Resources page](#).

## NATIONAL NEWS

**LeadingAge** staff experts are developing essential guidance and tools, and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers. Here are some of the most recent additions:

- [Housing Providers and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)
- [Affordable Senior Housing: 4th Relief and Infrastructure Package, April 2](#)
- [CMS Long-Term Care Facility Guidance from April 2](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program Guidance Issued on Affiliation and for Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- [Small Business Administration Loans Available to Support Providers through COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [HUD Q&A for Office of Multifamily Housing Stakeholders](#)
- [HUD Clarifies Options for Income Recertifications, Electronic Submissions](#)
- [HUD Switching to Pre-Recorded Info Sessions](#)
- [CMS Issues New Recommendations to Nursing Homes in COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- [LeadingAge Statement on CMS' April 2, 2020 Key Recommendations to Nursing Homes, State, Local Governments](#)