



**MEMBER BRIEFING:
Outdoor Visitation Guidance, HUD Update
July 13, 2020**

OF SPECIAL NOTE

DHS Provides Guidance to Allow Limited Outdoor Visitation

Today, DHS Safety Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ), issued [Provider Alert NF-20-98](#) providing guidance to allow limited outdoor visitation in nursing, assisted living and residential care facilities; and adult foster homes. The guidance lists all the criteria that must be met before limited outdoor visitation can begin. At least 24 hours before commencing outdoor visitation, facilities must submit via email to SOQ copy of their visitation plan that indicates the facility has a location designated for outdoor visitation, sufficient staff, a mechanism for appointments and sufficient PPE to permit visitation, and can meet all other required criteria outlined in the guidance. Advance notice communicating the visitation policy and protocols shall be provided to residents, resident families, and staff including the date visitation appointments can begin, the criteria that must be met for outside visitation and circumstances when visitation will be discounted. LeadingAge Oregon had been working with SOQ to obtain this guidance.

Significant HUD News and Hill Action on Housing

LeadingAge provided a [Recap of Housing News](#) last week on the many announcements coming out of HUD and hill action on housing. The recap includes information on:

- Plans to allocate the \$10 million in Service Coordinator funding to support about 1,600 properties with grant-funded Service Coordinator programs;
- Plans to resume physical inspections likely after the end of the federal fiscal year;
- Issuance of new flexibility for turning over units during the health crisis;
- Lifting of the suspension on Management Occupancy Review (MORs) where there are no health restrictions by state or federal law;
- Publication of additional information about the expiring evictions moratorium; and
- House HUD Appropriations Subcommittee passing its FY21 spending bill including \$860 million for new Section 202 homes.