

Senior Housing Weekly: Recap of LeadingAge Updates

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LeadingAge affordable senior housing survey. Affordable senior housing providers: Let's help each other! To inform our housing policy work, LeadingAge is circulating a [quick survey](#) about the impacts of COVID-19 on affordable senior communities. The survey information will help us advance our policy priorities, like securing COVID-19 relief payments and increasing internet connectivity options at HUD communities. The deadline for completing the survey is Wednesday, October 7; the survey should take about 3 minutes to complete and each question is optional. [Thank you for taking a moment to complete the survey.](#)

October 5 Housing Advisory Group call on health centers. On Monday, October 5, at 12:30pm EST, LeadingAge will host a special edition of the Housing Advisory Group call featuring a discussion on housing provider collaborations with federally qualified health centers. We'll be joined by staff from the National Association of Community Health Centers. Email [Juliana](#) to join the Housing Advisory Group call, or to submit advance questions about how you can benefit from working with your area health center throughout COVID-19 and flu season. More information is available [here](#).

HUD issues first COVID-19 relief payments. Months after the COVID-19 crisis hit the United States, HUD staff have started notifying Section 202 and other HUD-assisted housing providers of their approved COVID-19 Supplemental Payments, or CSPs. According to HUD, the agency has completed reviews of all COVID-19 Supplemental Payment (CSP) requests received in August. HUD has also obligated approved amounts to individual rental assistance contracts. The agency expects most properties to receive funds by October 7. The payment mechanism is the same as standard rental assistance through LOCCs or via the contract administrator. More information is available [here](#).

HUD readies new CNA e-Tool launch. With the launch of version 3.0 of the CNA e-Tool less than two weeks away, HUD has extended the data transfer deadline to October 9th. FAQs, tutorials, and other information are available on HUD's CNA e-Tool webpage [here](#).

New NSPIRE Webcast. HUD has released a 20 minute NSPIRE overview for PHAs and property owner/agents. The HUD webcast presents an introduction to the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) currently under development; the webcast covers the various elements of NSPIRE, the NSPIRE Demonstration and how to participate in it, and the ways stakeholders can provide feedback and participate in the further development of NSPIRE. More information available [here](#).

Federal Funding Set Through December 11. On October 1, the President signed into law a [continuing resolution \(CR\)](#) to keep federal programs funded at fiscal year 2020 levels until December 11. The 11-week CR was necessary because none of the 12 annual appropriations bills, including the bill that funds all HUD programs, were enacted prior to the October 1 start of fiscal year 2021. For HUD, the CR includes extension of the 40-site IWISH demonstration until December 11. By December 11, Congress must enact another CR or final appropriations bills to avoid a government shutdown.

Updated House Heroes Act Includes Sec. 202, Sec. 8, and Service Coordinator Relief. While a deal between the Senate and House on a new package of COVID relief seems unlikely, there was movement on relief in the House the week of September 28. After the HEROES Act was passed in May, LeadingAge worked with its affordable senior housing members to identify ongoing COVID-related relief needs. Those needs were packaged into identical House and Senate bills, H.R. 6873 and S. 4177. Funding for Section 202, Section 8 PBRA, and new Service Coordinators was funded in the original Heroes Act as well as the September 28 [updated version of the Heroes Act](#), a testament to LeadingAge member advocacy to educate Congress on the needs of affordable senior housing providers.

Massive rent backlog looms for unassisted renters. LeadingAge is very interested in a [report released](#) September 28 that estimates between 23.3 million and 34.0 million individual renters could owe between \$25.1 billion and \$34.3 billion in back rent to landlords, according to a report from the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) and the research firm, Stout, Risius Ross LLC released on September 28.