

# NEWS & NOTES

Leading Stories from LeadingAge New Jersey



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## News

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### LANJ Supports A-436 Priority Power Restoration Bill

James McCracken, President and CEO of LeadingAge New Jersey, testified on Monday, February 12 in front of the Assembly Homeland Security Committee strongly supporting A-436. Sponsored by Rep. Gary Schaer (D-Passaic), A-436 requires electric public utilities to provide priority power restoration to certain medical facilities, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

The bill was unanimously voted out of the Assembly Homeland Security Committee that afternoon.

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### Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report

Please [click here](#) for the Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report for week ending February 10, 2018 .

All reports (current and archived) can be found at the NJDOH website at <http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/flu-stats/index.shtml>.

Please contact Lisa McHugh or a member of the Influenza Surveillance team at 609-826-5964 with questions.

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### GAO Report released on Medicaid Assisted Living Services

On Sunday, February 4, the New York Times included the following article on the findings in a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report that found significant gaps in regulation of assisted living facilities despite the fact that Medicaid (which is partially a federally-funded program) spends approximately \$10 billion annually (state and federal combined) for 330,000 Medicaid beneficiaries.

[New York Times Article](#)

[Full GAO Report](#)

[GAO Report Highlights](#)

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## N.J.A.C. 8:34 - Rules for LNHAs and Regulating the NHA Licensing Board - Readoption

On Feb. 5, the Department of Health published a Notice of Readoption of the rules for licensing nursing home administrators and rules regulating the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board. These rules are being readopted with only minor technical changes. The effective date of the readoption is Dec. 26, 2017, with the technical changes taking effect on Feb. 5, 2018.

[The full text of the readopted rules is available for download here.](#)

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### Reopen psychiatric hospital Christie closed, top Democrats urge Murphy

NJ.com reports on a resolution urging Governor Murphy to reopen the Senator Garrett W. Hagedorn Psychiatric Hospital. [Read the full article here.](#)

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## Member Announcements

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### Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey Acquires Journey Hospice

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSMNJ) announces the acquisition of Journey Hospice, a South-Jersey based provider of hospice care services. Effective February 1, 2018, LSMNJ will oversee Journey Hospice business operations which currently serve Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland counties in New Jersey.

[Click here for the full press release.](#)

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### Acts Retirement-Life Communities and The Evergreens in Moorestown, New Jersey Announce Affiliation

Acts Retirement-Life Communities, Inc., one of the nation's largest not-for-profit providers of senior living housing and services, and The Evergreens, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in Moorestown, New Jersey, have announced that the two organizations have affiliated. Under the agreement, Acts will assume management and oversight of The Evergreens, which will become an Acts affiliate member and part of a network of Acts CCRCs serving approximately 9,700 seniors.

[Click here for the full press release.](#)

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## Education & Events

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### President Trump's Budget Proposes Severe Cuts to Critical HUD Resources February 20

The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) and other leaders of the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF) invite you to learn more about President Trump's recently released budget request that includes severe funding cut to critical HUD and USDA resources that help some of the most vulnerable in our communities keep a roof over their heads, including low income seniors, people with disabilities, families with children, veterans, and those who were formerly homeless. Learn more about how you can help fight back against these budget cuts.

[Click here to register](#)

### A Deep Dive into Focus Areas of the LTC Requirements of Participation & New

## **Survey Process: Staff Competency - section 2**

**February 21**

Review of CMS requirements on competent and sufficient staff as outlined in nursing services, behavioral health and other areas of the RoPs with detailed instruction on defining, measuring and reporting staff competency. Includes a toolkit that can be adapted for each facility's use.

[Click here to register](#)

## **Human Resources Roundtable**

**February 22**

Join your fellow Human Resources professionals at the LeadingAge New Jersey Human Resources Roundtable. This roundtable provides an opportunity to converse and collaborate with your counterparts across the state.

[Click here to register](#)

## **A Deep Dive into Focus Areas of the LTC Requirements of Participation & New Survey Process: QAPI**

**March 5**

Examines the intersections between QAPI and QAA, facility assessment and staff training/competency. Provides actionable best practices in performance management that align with CMS requirements and surveyor examination of the mandatory survey task associated with QAPI.

[Click here to register](#)

## **Provider Update on Managed Medicaid: Acute Care and Long Term Supports & Services (MLTSS) and Behavioral Health Update**

**March 6**

This seminar designed to inform providers of the changing Medicaid Managed Care environment. Providers will learn about recent policy changes and operational updates from the Department of Human Services. Topics will include eligibility determinations, enrollment, care management, quality measurement, claims processing and payment denials and appeals, readmissions and cost-share.

[Click here to register](#)

## **Facilities & Operations Managers Seminar**

**March 13**

Please join us for the first annual New Jersey Facilities Managers Seminar on March 13, 2018. We will have four to five speakers discussing topics relevant to our facilities management, plant operations, and maintenance staff.

[Click here to register](#)

## **Fair Housing Update**

**March 14**

Please join us for a Fair Housing Update with Gwen Volk.

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## **PEAK Leadership Summit**

**March 18**

Join your fellow Human Resources professionals at the LeadingAge New Jersey Human Resources Roundtable. This roundtable provides an opportunity to converse and collaborate with your counterparts across the state.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo

Please save the date for LeadingAge New Jersey's 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo! We will be exploring the theme Life on Purpose through educational sessions and networking opportunities. It's going to be another great meeting!



Tuesday, June 5 through Thursday, June 7

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