

NEWS & NOTES

Leading Stories from LeadingAge New Jersey



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A Departing Note From Hillary Critelli

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my departure from LeadingAge New Jersey on Friday, March 9. It has truly been my pleasure getting to know the membership over the year I've been with the association. I have learned so much about passion, hard work, and kindness from you.

Starting Monday, March 12, I will be the new Director of Development, Membership and Outreach at the American Littoral Society in Sandy Hook. Please don't hesitate to connect with me on LinkedIn so we may stay in touch. I hope our paths cross again in the future.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hillary Critelli".

Hillary Critelli
Membership & Engagement Specialist
LeadingAge New Jersey

LANJ Launches New Website

LeadingAge New Jersey has launched a brand new web presence. Our new website features a more modern design and is more easily navigable than our previous website.

Please take a few moments to visit the website at www.leadingagenj.org!

MLTSS Steering Committee Report

On February 21, the MLTSS Steering Committee had its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting with the Division of Aging Services and the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. [Please visit our website to read a full summary.](#)

Please feel free to contact [Jim McCracken](#) or [Theresa Edelstein](#) with any questions or concerns about the MLTSS Steering Committee, and please remember to join us on March 6 for our Medicaid managed care seminar. Registration is still open at <http://www.njha.com/education/brochure/?id=1864>

New Information from the Division of Aging Services re: EARC-PAS (LTC-34) for 2018

The Division of Aging Services in the Department of Human Services has reached out to Theresa Edelstein, LANJ's Regulatory Consultant, with information about updates to the EARC-PAS (LTC-34) for 2018. We are alerting hospitals and nursing facilities about the availability of the updated EARC-PAS (LTC-34) and related instructions for 2018. Please share this information with your case management and discharge planning staff, and other involved team members.

[Please visit our website to read more and download the forms.](#)

Critical Infrastructure Security Notice

Please see the enclosed Critical Infrastructure Security Notice

<http://files.constantcontact.com/e1419ee3001/64169824-bf89-4200-868e-79636ebb1103.pdf?ver=1519394689000>

Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report

Attached please find the Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report for week ending February 24, 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.

<http://files.constantcontact.com/e1419ee3001/3eb6bdb4-4cfa-40e6-97d1-60033d8a4599.pdf?ver=1519844724000>

President Trump Proposed Budget Includes Deep Cuts to HUD

The initial budget request released by President Donald Trump this week includes deep cuts to affordable housing programs. The budget proposal cuts funding to the U.S. Housing & Urban Development Department by 18 percent, which would:

- Underfund Section 202 Project Rental Assistance Contract and Project-Based Rental Assistance contract renewals;
 - Zero out the Public Housing Capital Fund that would result in 200,000 fewer housing choice vouchers - this has a huge impact on seniors as 33 percent of public housing homes and 24 percent of voucher homes are senior households;
 - Zero out the HOME and Community Development Block Grant programs;
 - Eliminate the National Housing Trust
 - Provide inadequate funding for homeless assistance programs at a time when homelessness among older adults is on the rise.
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CMS Website Features Enforcement Database

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has made available a database with enforcement information. In August 2017, CMS announced the Quality and Certification Oversight Reports (QCOR) website launch in an initiative for increased transparency. The QCOR website is meant for providers, suppliers, and stakeholders to have better access to data. The QCOR website launch replaces the previously known Survey and Certification Providing Data Quickly (S&C PDQ) system. S&C PDQ provided summarized survey and certification data, including results of on-site inspections of providers and suppliers. The QCOR site is meant to be more easily accessible. It provides the results of CMS survey and certification activity over the last 10 years. The QCOR website can be accessed at <https://qcor.cms.gov>.

Education & Events

For a full list of events please visit our website

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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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A Deep Dive into Focus Areas of the LTC Requirements of Participation & New Survey Process: Abuse and Neglect - section 1

March 14

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.

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A Deep Dive into Focus Areas of the LTC Requirements of Participation & New Survey Process: Life Safety Code - section 1

March 15

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](#)

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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A Deep Dive into Focus Areas of the LTC Requirements of Participation & New Survey Process: Abuse and Neglect - section 2

March 22

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.

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A Deep Dive into Focus Areas of the LTC Requirements of Participation & New Survey Process: Life Safety Code - section 2

March 28

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.

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A Deep Dive into Focus Areas of the LTC Requirements of Participation & New Survey Process: Pharmacy Issues - section 1

March 28

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.

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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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