



## NEWS

### LeadingAge New Jersey Welcomes New Vice President

LeadingAge New Jersey (LANJ) is pleased to announce and welcome Christopher Lee as its new Vice President. Within this role, Lee will be responsible for coordinating the organization's communications strategy, monitor policy and legislative issues, assist with various organization events, as well as external affairs responsibilities. Lee will also be responsible for supporting the growth of LANJ.

As resident of Monmouth County, Lee comes to LANJ with years of experience in the executive and legislative branches of government. Most recently, Lee was the director of legislative affairs at the Department of Human Services, the largest state agency in New Jersey. While there, he provided research and analysis on legislative issues, developed policy proposals, served as liaison to external stakeholders, including the provider community, state and federal legislators. In addition, he was instrumental in providing exceptional constituent services and recognized by legislators on both sides of the aisle.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Christopher Lee to our team," said President & CEO Jim McCracken. "Christopher has a wealth of unique, well-rounded experience from both executive and legislative sides, and that experience will serve him well here. At LANJ, we will utilize his experience in research, communication, project planning and development, intergovernmental and external affairs to meet the needs of our organization. He will be a great asset for the organization and more importantly, our membership."

Lee is a graduate of Dickinson College with a degree in Political Science and earned his master's in Public Policy from Monmouth University.



### LeadingAge New Jersey Testifies on CNA Ratio Legislation

On May 10, 2018, President & CEO James W. McCracken testified before the Assembly Human Services Committee opposing Assembly Bill A-382, a bill that mandates certified nursing assistant (CNA) staffing ratios in nursing homes.

"I can say with confidence that our mission-driven members are committed to serving the highest quality care to their residents and share a common goal - work diligently to improve the quality of care," said McCracken.

"CNAs, without question, are one of the most important members of the health care team and plays an integral role in providing exceptional care and service. We have all heard some iteration of the phrase - quality over quantity - it's the quality, not the quantity that matters. However, A-382, as written, does not address acuties, significant CNA shortages (approximately 1,800 vacancies in N.J.), or account for budget considerations."

Sunni Herman, Executive Vice President & COO of the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, joined McCracken and also testified. The bill was released and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

# EVENTS



## 2018 Annual Meeting & EXPO

Harrah's Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center  
Atlantic City, New Jersey  
June 5 - 7, 2018

This year's **LeadingAge New Jersey Annual Meeting & EXPO** offers an opportunity to gain insights and practical strategies to address the most pressing issues facing providers today.

Our comprehensive program will expose you to the latest trends and hot topics across the continuum of care and services. Our multidisciplinary line-up of speakers will share their expertise and explore solutions to many of today's challenges in an ever-changing marketplace. Sessions planned will include hot topics like workforce recruitment and retention, expectations of the new consumer, new models of care and more.

Most importantly, you will learn from other providers who share your passion and commitment to improving the lives of those we serve. You will develop new strategic relationships to help you achieve better outcomes and tap into new knowledge and ideas to advance your mission and grow your business.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE!](#)**

**\*DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 28\***

### What's the Buzz?

**LeadingAge NJ** will debut a **Town Hall Conversation** at this year's Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on June 7 at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast is included along with some special guests. To **RSVP**, please e-mail Christopher Lee at [clee@leadingagenj.org](mailto:clee@leadingagenj.org)

We look forward to seeing you there!

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### TUESDAY, JUNE 05

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** Welcome Reception  
*Featuring Preakness Healthcare Center's D.J. Dance Party Trio*

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 06

**7:30 - 10:00 a.m.** Continental Breakfast *[Exhibit Hall]*  
**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.** Education Breakouts/Sunrise Sessions  
**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** Breakfast *[continued]*  
Meet & Greet LeadingAge N.J.'s new  
President & CEO, Jim McCracken  
**10:00 - 11:15 a.m.** Education Breakouts  
**11:30 - 12:45 p.m.** General Session: Welcome & Keynote  
*"Driving Miss Norma"*  
*Featuring Tim Bauerschmidt & Ramie Liddle*  
**12:45 - 2:00 p.m.** Lunch with the Exhibitors  
*Featuring Blue Light Specials*  
**2:00 - 3:15 p.m.** Education Breakouts  
**3:15 - 4:00 p.m.** Dessert with Exhibitors  
*Featuring Blue Light Specials*  
**4:00 - 5:15 p.m.** Education Breakouts  
**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** LeadingAge New Jersey Reception

## THURSDAY, JUNE 07

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Networking Breakfast Buffet & Town Hall Conversations
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Education Breakouts
11:15 - 12:30 p.m.	Closing General Session <i>"The Science of Happiness"</i> Featuring Catherine A. Sanderson, PhD
12:30 p.m.	Snacks-to-Go

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

We invite you to register before **May 21st** in order to guarantee the special rate for **Single** and **Double** Rooms for only **\$92** per night.

**Call:** 1-888-516-2215  
**Reference:** LeadingAge New Jersey Conference  
**Group Code:** SH06LE8

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## UPDATES

### 2019 Medicare Proposed Payment Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule that includes 2.4% skilled nursing facility (SNF) payment update Congress legislated back in February as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act. The proposed rule also includes provisions on value-based purchasing, which goes into full effect for SNFs in 2019, and on quality reporting.

"LeadingAge is pleased to see that the 2.4% market basket increase required by the Bipartisan Budget Act will increase SNF payments by \$850 million, and that CMS heard our message loud and clear that the new classification system needed significant changes," said Katie Smith Sloan, LeadingAge President & CEO.

LeadingAge conducted a preliminary analysis that can be found by [clicking here](#).

### Volunteer Screening Requirements Clarified by CMS

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) clarified issues related to the screening requirements of nursing home volunteers and contractors.

CMS regulations differentiate between volunteers that provide care and services to residents and volunteers who socialize with residents. CMS does not expect a nursing home to develop and/or implement policies and procedures to screen individuals that volunteer at nursing homes intermittently, or generally, any visitor who does not provide direct care to residents.

CMS does expect that the facility's policies related to visitor access include safety restrictions such as denying access or providing limited and supervised access to a visitor who has been found to be abusing, exploiting, or coercing a resident or who is suspected of abusing, exploiting, or coercing a resident until an investigation into the allegation has been completed.

## FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

### *Streamlined Verification of Fixed Income*

On March 8, 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released an Interim Final Rule to make several statutory changes along with multiple streamlining changes across several HUD programs.

The Interim Final Rule expands some of these flexibilities that were approved for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Public Housing (PH) in the Streamlining Rule and expanded to the following Multifamily Housing Programs:

- Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (not Moderate Rehab)
- Section 202
- Section 811

The changes described in this Interim Final Rule were effective **March 12, 2018**. For more information, please [click here](#) to download a presentation containing training materials pertaining to the FAST Act.

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