



**MEMBER BRIEFING:
Provider Relief Fund, QM Webinar, Reflections
April 24, 2020**

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Creative Writing *Reflections* E-Book Available

Congratulations to the LeadingAge Oregon Creative Writing Contest Judge's Choice winners **Lindsey Daniel** from **Holladay Park Plaza** for the Short Story *BEAR WITH ME* and **Joyce Adams** from **Willamette View** for the Poem *HOLDING THE LIVING*. The Creative Writing Contest did not end as expected, thanks to COVID-19. Unfortunately, we were not able to gather, hear the readings and celebrate the winners. However, the pieces were still judged, and the e-book compiled. Please see [here for a link to the book](#). We encourage you to share it with your members and their families!

Provider Relief Fund Update

We learned in today's national LeadingAge call, that the amount of provider relief funds and timing of receipt of funds for Medicaid only providers is unknown at this point. However, \$29.6 billion of the original \$100 billion appropriation remains to distribute in payments to Medicaid providers and to reimburse providers for caring for uninsured COVID-19 patients. The good news is \$75 billion more is being added to the Provider Relief Fund based upon the latest stimulus legislation signed by the President today. The funds being released today are for Medicare providers for whom Medicare fee-for-service is a "small share" of their revenue.

LeadingAge on MSNBC

Every day, LeadingAge national is speaking out in the media to give decision makers and the public accurate information on the novel coronavirus' impact on our field. This week, [president and CEO Katie Smith Sloan spoke to MSNBC](#) about coronavirus and long-term care. See our growing list of [press statements and coverage](#) here.

STATE NEWS

COVID-19 Long-Term Care Facility Guidance

DHS has issued a reminder of the CDC [COVID-19 Long-Term Care Facility Guidance](#) first issued on April 2. The guidance recommend actions to be taken immediately to keep patients and residents safe. See the full Administrator Alert [here](#).

Quality Measurement Program Webinar – May 6 & May 8

It is truly a challenging time. In addition to dealing with Covid-19 and other daily operations, all RCFs and ALFs are required by law to track and submit data for 2020 as part of the [Quality Measurement Program](#). Information and resources for providers may be found on the [Quality Measurement Program Provider Resources](#) page. Please note that:

- All RCFs and ALFs should currently be tracking data for Metric 1 (direct care staff retention) and Metric 2 (compliance with training) and should have a plan in place for Metric 5 (a resident satisfaction survey to be administered by an independent third-party vendor in 2020).
- At least two staff from each RCF/ALF should be registered for and have access into the Quality Measurement Application (QMA) software, where all data must be entered.

On May 6 and May 8, the webinar “Getting Started in Quality Metrics” will be presented for those who have not yet registered for the Quality Metrics Application (QMA) and/or those who need more information about the mandatory Quality Measurement Program. See the Provider Alert [here](#) for links to the webinar and more information.

RESOURCES & TOOLS

COVID-19 and Trauma Informed Care: Strategies for Caregivers - Complimentary Webinar April 30

For most people, COVID-19 will be associated with **increased uncertainty and stress**. When we are under stress, we are more likely to trigger the “survival” or “fight or flight” responses in our brain. For some, this may mean difficulty with executive functions, for others, difficulty managing emotional responses, and for others, it may mean difficulty making decisions. How we respond to COVID is individualized. **The global pandemic is affecting us as healthcare workers and the residents whom we serve. How should we as staff care for and approach our residents? How should we approach our staff?** And how will our future interactions be affected? This session will review these concepts and more as we look at using a trauma-informed approach to address the COVID pandemic.

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Education Director, Select Rehabilitation

Date: Thursday, April 30th

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Pacific

Interactive GoToMeeting Webinar [Registration](#) Register Today!

The Guide to MDS Codes During COVID-10 – Free Webinar

Demi Haffenreffer, who teaches our MDS classes, is offering a free webinar on the MDS codes most significant during the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar will include:

- Review CMS waivers for completion
- Review section I0020B-COVID ICD 10 code
- Review of section O0100M and Isolation/Quarantine for active Infectious Disease

Learn more [here](#). Register [here](#).

New Insights and Tools From LeadingAge National

LeadingAge national staff experts are developing essential guidance and tools, and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers.

- [Secretary Carson: Let's Learn from COVID-19 to do Better for Older Adults](#)
- [COVID-19 and Affordable Housing Providers: Recap of Key HUD Guidance](#)
- [New Resources Help Make Decisions about Provider Relief & Other Funds](#)
- [Next Round of Provider Relief Funds Begin April 24](#)
- [CDC Clarifies Elements of Forthcoming Nursing Home Reporting Requirements](#)
- [NCSHA Matrix of IRS Regulatory Relief as of April 21](#)