



**CORONAVIRUS MEMBER BRIEFING:
Involuntary moveout clarification, Pandemic preparedness checks, FAQs for
IBLs, testing resources
August 19, 2020**

OF SPECIAL NOTE

LeadingAge Oregon Virtual Conference Registration is Open!

We are looking forward to the opportunity to "see" you at the end of September! LeadingAge Oregon will be hosting our first Virtual Conference and we are excited about the great things we can do with technology. See the conference web page [here](#) or register [here](#) - the provider member price is only \$250 and you don't need to select sessions at registration (which makes it quick and easy!).

CBC News Hours Resume

Adult and People with Disabilities is resuming the CBC News Hour beginning Thursday, August 27th, from 9:00am-10:00am. To participate copy and paste the following link into the address bar of your web browser: <https://meet.dhsoha.state.or.us/warren.d.bird/31MOK2YY>. The call-in number for audio: +1 (503) 934-1400, access code:67258677#.

APD Provider Alert Summarizes LTC Testing Resources

With the September 30th deadline approaching for completing initial testing at long term care (LTC) facilities, late this afternoon Adult and People with Disabilities released a provider alert containing available state testing resources. The alert indicates that most providers that completed the Oregon Health Authority's testing survey did not need comprehensive testing services. Facilities that do need such services need to send an email to the OHA's Testing Branch at ORESf8.AOCTestingBranch@dhsoha.state.or.us **no later than August 28th** to get testing completed by September 30th. The alert reminds providers that the costs for baseline testing will be covered by DHSe and that the reimbursement forms and instructions are available on the [DHS Long Term Care Testing website](#). Access the full provider alert including the resources [here](#).

STATE NEWS

Involuntary Review Process Amended for Assisted Living/Residential Care Facilities (ALFs/RCFs)

Adult and People with Disabilities (APD) immediately amended [OAR 411-054](#) to require that involuntary move-out notices issued by ALFs/RCFs be reviewed by APD for compliance with rule requirements **before** the notice can be issued to the resident/legal representative. The amendment also clarifies conditions for when a less-than-30-day notice may be issued. APD will notify the provider in writing within 2 business days of receipt of the notice with a compliance determination. If compliance has not been met, the notice must be rescinded. See the amended rule [here](#).

CBC Survey Staff to Check-In with ALFs/RCFs on Pandemic Preparedness

APD issued an Administrator Alert to let ALFs/RCFs know that Community Based Care surveying staff will be calling all community-based care communities to ensure a pandemic preparedness action plan has been created to mitigate spread of the virus. Providers will be asked a series of questions in the areas of screening, cohorting and isolation, staffing plans and infection control, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and the community's environmental disinfection protocols. CBC staff will also provide support through Q&A and linked resource materials. See the full alert [here](#).

APD Develops FAQs for Implementation of Individually Based Service Limitations

APD has created a list of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and [Decision charts](#) to assist in guiding the actions needed to implement the Individually Based Limitations (IBL) under the HCBS rules. The provider alert acknowledges the complexity IBLs and the important questions providers have about how to ensure resident rights and safety, while maintaining compliance with HCBS rules.

APD Reminds LTC Providers to Complete Testing Need Survey

Because many providers have not completed the survey to help gauge the support providers need to carry out Governor Brown's testing mandate that all NF and CBC providers need to conduct baseline COVID-19 testing by September 30, 2020, APD has asked LeadingAge Oregon to remind LTC facilities to please do so. Complete the survey by clicking [here](#). If you have already submitted answers, there is no need to do so again. If you have not completed the survey, it is important that you do - just disregard the note saying the deadline has passed.

NATIONAL NEWS

CMS Announces Resumption of Routine Surveys

Continuing efforts to reintegrate survey activity, CMS announced further expansion of survey activity and guidance around enforcement activity on a [press release](#) and [policy memo](#) on August 17. This expansion follows [previous guidance](#) released on June 1 and is a departure from the plan for nursing homes first introduced in the [Reopening Recommendations](#) released on May 18.

Effective immediately, this survey expansion applies to all provider types including nursing homes, home health, and hospice providers. The information that follows below is specific to nursing homes. For information regarding survey and enforcement activities for non-long-term care, please refer to [QSO-20-35-ALL](#).

Including the survey activity previously outlined on June 1, state survey agencies will conduct the following activities:

- Complaint investigations triaged as immediate jeopardy (IJ), non-IJ-high, and non-IJ-medium (new),
- All onsite revisit surveys as specified in the State Operations Manual, Chapter 7,
- All annual recertification surveys,
- Special Focus Facility (SFF) and SFF candidate surveys.

This directive for the expansion of survey activity is to begin as soon as feasible, meaning as soon as the state survey agencies have appropriate staffing and personal protective equipment (PPE). See the full article [here](#).

HUD on Track to Implement NSPIRE Inspection Model

On August 17th, LeadingAge national hosted a special edition of the Housing Advisory Group call, featuring HUD NSPIRE program manager Dan Williams. During the call, HUD staff shared updates from a [PowerPoint](#) presentation and addressed questions from LeadingAge members. A recording of the call is available [here](#).

The agency recently released a new set of standards for its current physical inspection pilot program; the new inspection model will eventually replace the current UPCS standards. For more information on the demonstration, visit [here](#).

See more highlights from the call [here](#).

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LeadingAge Oregon Login Information

LeadingAge Oregon's website including registration for events like conferences and classes, requires a login. If you have staff changes or updates to the list of employees who you would like to have access to our website and event registration, please contact Tina at tgoewey@leadingageoregon.org.