

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

### **Oregon Health Authority certifies first 11 CCOs**

The Oregon Health Authority has provisionally certified 11 Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) applicants. Four of the organizations that applied were asked to resubmit their applications for specified service areas. The service areas covered by these 11 initial CCOs include all Oregon counties except Clatsop, Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Tillamook, Umatilla and Yamhill. Applications covering those additional counties/service areas will be reviewed in the coming months. Two CCOs were provisionally certified for the Portland metro area: the Tri-County Medicaid Collaborative and FamilyCare, Inc. View the list of certified CCOs on the [CCO Oregon website](#). The 11 certified applicants will move forward to contract negotiations and will undergo a review to ensure that they meet the core certification criteria and CMS approval. Effective dates for each of these first CCOs are expected to be available at the end of June.

LeadingAge Oregon will be holding the next Coordinated Care Organization/Health Care Reform planning meeting from **10 a.m. to Noon on Tuesday, June 12** at the LeadingAge Oregon office to continue a discussion of what we might do collectively to position ourselves within Oregon's transforming health care system. If you have not done so, please RSVP to Denise Wetzel, [dwetzel@leadingageoregon.org](mailto:dwetzel@leadingageoregon.org), if you plan to attend.

### **2012-2013 Alliance Board of Directors elected**

With terms beginning July 1, the following members were elected by the general membership at LeadingAge Oregon's annual meeting on May 22 to serve on the 2012-2013 LeadingAge Oregon Board of Directors. **Bob Johnson** will serve as President, with **John Davis** as President-elect. New members to the board are **Greg Franks**, **Mary Fox**, **David Kohnstamm**, **Derrick Landis** and **Mary Scott**. Great appreciation was extended to outgoing board members **Donna BreMiller**, **Todd Engle**, **Corey Hill** and **Lisa Homan** for their many years of service to the board and the association.

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## STATE NEWS

### **Nursing Facility Provider Tax calculated for 2013**

Adults and People with Disabilities (APD) has calculated the nursing facility provider tax for 2013 to be \$18.35 per resident bed day, representing an increase of 4.8% from the 2012 rate of \$17.51. We have posted on the LeadingAge website the state's [Provider Tax Briefing](#) as well as the names of the CCRCs and the fourteen nursing homes with a Medicaid occupancy greater than 85% that are [exempt from the tax](#). Per state statute, the provider tax is due to expire in July 2014, making it an issue again for the upcoming legislative session.

### **Revenue Forecast reveals \$17.9 million decrease**

On May 22, the Office of Economic Analysis released the [June Revenue Forecast](#) to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Revenue, revealing a projected decrease in revenue and lottery funds of \$17.9 million for the remainder of the 2011-13 biennium. The state economist noted that while the state budget is growing and can be expected to do so in the future, it is doing so at a slower pace than in past economic recoveries. As a result of the forecast, the state will not be making any additional budget cuts at this time.

### **In-Home Care Survey Citation Report released**

With the final rules still pending, health care licensure and certification released a report of the [most frequent survey citations](#) for the period of January 1, 2011 through May 21, 2012. Please join other LeadingAge Oregon home care members at the next networking meeting scheduled **August 3 from 1-3** at the LeadingAge Oregon conference room.

### **Nursing home surveyors hope reminders will speed up survey process**

QIS Survey Coordinator Sarah Hout has sent out a memo to Oregon nursing homes with reminders that she hopes will speed up the QIS survey process, which is taking longer than the traditional survey process. Nursing homes are asked to make sure they can provide surveyors with unrestricted access to electronic medical records; provide a current and accurate alphabetized census as soon as possible when surveyors enter the building; and to quickly provide a New Admission List to include residents admitted 30 days prior to the date of the survey entrance and are still residing in the facility. [Read the QIS survey memo.](#)

### **Primary care homes to be key in Oregon health system transformation**

Patient-centered primary care homes will be a key component of Oregon's health care transformation, according to a DHS "Five Minute Update" on its health care transformation planning. [More than 150 health clinics around Oregon](#) have been recognized as patient-centered primary care homes. The primary care homes are committed to working with patients and other providers on prevention, better coordination and better management of chronic conditions. [Read the DHS Update on primary care homes.](#) [Subscribe to receive future health care transformation updates.](#)

### **Providers sought for Northwest Oregon emergency preparedness focus group**

As a follow-up to the recently-conducted Northwest Oregon emergency preparedness survey, a focus group is being formed to learn more about emergency preparedness in long-term care facilities. The focus group will meet on **June 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at Marquis Mt. Tabor in Portland. The focus group discussion is part of a joint effort between LeadingAge Oregon, OHCA and a coalition of NW Oregon hospitals and health systems (the NW Oregon Health Preparedness Organization). If you are located in Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook or Washington counties, and you or a staff member are willing to participate in the discussion, please send your name and e-mail address to Lisa Kulkarni at the NW Oregon Health Preparedness Organization by [June 13](#) ([lisa.kulkarni@multco.us](mailto:lisa.kulkarni@multco.us), 503.988.3663 x26399).

### **New Food Sanitation rules take effect July 1**

Oregon's Food Sanitation Rules are being updated to the 2009 FDA Food Code as of July 1. Oregon's nursing facility and ALF/RCF rules both require that facilities comply with the food sanitation rules. According to Dave Martin of the Oregon Health Authority, there has been some pushback to the new prohibition on bare hand contact with ready-to-eat food, so there is an outside possibility that the bare hand provision may not be included in the final rules. We will notify members if that is the case. In the meantime, fact sheets on each of the significant rule changes are available on the [state Food Code webpage](#).

### **More ALFs/RCFS being cited for staff training**

According to CCMU survey records, more assisted living and residential care facilities are being cited for 370 - Staffing Requirements and Training. Please remember that due to a CMS mandate, surveyors are now reviewing training records at all ALF/RCF surveys. Read about the survey protocol for staff training in a recent [Administrator Alert](#).

### **Civil money penalty address change**

DHS has a new address where providers must send any civil money penalty payments. All other correspondence related to the penalties will continue to go to the Office of Licensing and Regulatory Oversight. Read the [ALF/RCE](#) and [Nursing Facility Administrator Alerts](#) with the details.

### **Alert clarifies CMS response to Immediate Jeopardy and Double G situations**

Oregon's nursing facility survey managers have issued an Administrator Alert clarifying that CMS can deny payment for new admissions and impose enhanced civil penalties in some immediate jeopardy and "double G" situations, without giving the nursing facility the opportunity to correct. [Read the clarification.](#)

### **Hospice and Palliative Care topic of second Oregon NurseCast**

The Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) has posted its second "NurseCast" on the topic of "Hospice and Palliative Care," featuring Amy Guthrie, President of the Oregon and SW Washington Chapter of the Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association. OCN plans to post new NurseCast episodes the second Wednesday of every month. [Access the current NurseCast.](#)

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Nursing homes expect layoffs as the result of rate reductions**

A recent survey of nursing homes indicates that many plan to lay off staff and cancel the addition of new positions as the result of the 11.1 percent Medicare rate cut imposed by CMS in August 2011. According to the survey by Avalere Health, the rate reduction could result in at least 20,000 layoffs industry-wide and the cancellation of approximately 400 nursing facility expansions or renovations. [Read the report.](#)

### **Column examines future of CCRCs under healthcare reform**

CCRCs need to get into the post-acute care market or risk being left behind in the world of healthcare reform, according to a column by Bill Pomeranz of Cain Brothers. Pomeranz contends that for-profit assisted living and senior living providers are creating competing and often more comprehensive continuums of care than many CCRCs can offer. [Read the column.](#)

### **CMS answers questions related to culture change and dining**

Karen Schoeneman, Technical Director at CMS, has released answers to several questions related to culture change and dining in nursing homes. The questions were submitted by nursing homes that are attempting to de-institutionalize their operations, but are running into barriers during nursing home surveys. Schoeneman, who is retiring from CMS later this month, has been a strong proponent of culture change during her time with the agency. [Read the questions and answers.](#)

### **CMS announces partnership to improve dementia care**

CMS this week announced the Partnership to Improve Dementia Care, an initiative with the primary goal of ensuring appropriate care and use of antipsychotic medications for nursing home residents. The partnership has set a national goal of reducing the use of antipsychotic drugs in nursing homes by 15 percent by the end of 2012. CMS has taken the following steps toward achieving this goal:

- The agency has developed Hand in Hand, a training series for nursing homes that emphasizes person-centered care and prevention of abuse.
- Data on each nursing home's antipsychotic drug use will be posted on Nursing Home Compare starting in July.
- CMS is emphasizing non-pharmacological alternatives for nursing home residents, including consistent staff assignments, increased exercise or time outdoors, monitoring and managing acute and chronic pain, and planning individualized activities.

### **HUD moves ahead with capping budget-based rent adjustments**

Despite protests from LeadingAge and other organizations, HUD has moved forward with capping Option 4 budget based rent adjustments by a rent comparability study. OCAF adjustments for Option 4 contracts will continue to be available without a rent comparability study. More information about this and other HUD changes will be forthcoming from LeadingAge.

### **New Social Accountability Toolkit available**

LeadingAge business partner Holleran has created a Social Accountability Toolkit that includes a step-by-step implementation guide and handbook geared to assist not-for-profit senior living providers through the process of establishing and documenting their social accountability and community benefit. The toolkit is available free of charge on an interactive website. [Access the toolkit.](#)

## LEADINGAGE OREGON NEWS

### **Annual Conference participants help fund PAC account**

It was great to see so many of you at our Annual Conference in Redmond last week! It's always a highlight of the year. Special thanks to those of you who supported our Political Action Committee (PAC) by donating items or participating in our raffle and auction. We raised more than \$5,000 for our PAC, which is a critically important component of our legislative strategy as we head toward election season and the 2013 Legislative session. If you were unable to participate in the auction/raffle but would like to donate to our PAC, you can do so using our [online form](#). Thank you as always for your support, and for all you do on behalf of elders in Oregon!