



LeadingAge New Jersey Welcomes Hillary Critelli

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welcomes Hillary Critelli to her new position as Membership & Engagement Specialist. Hillary brings volunteer management and non-profit housing sector experience to her new role where she is responsible for membership recruitment, engagement, and retention efforts.

"We are delighted to welcome Hillary to the LeadingAge New Jersey team," said Michele M. Kent, President & CEO of *LeadingAge New Jersey*. "Her experience working with community-based non-profits will allow Hillary to successfully recruit members and support retention efforts."



Hillary recently relocated to New Jersey from Pittsburgh, where she served as Senior Manager, Corporate & Volunteer Engagement at Rebuilding Pittsburgh Together. She graduated from The George Washington University.

Hillary may be reached via email at HCritelli@LeadingAgeNJ.org or via phone at 609.452.1161.

Christie Signs Next-Of-Kin Law

On February 6, 2017, Gov. Chris Christie signed the Next-of-Kin law, which requires administrators of senior housing facilities to establish and implement procedures for collection of emergency contact information of a person to be notified in the event of the death of a senior citizen residing in the facility. The requirement applies to any rooming house, boarding house, residential health care facility, assisted living facility, nursing home, continuing care retirement community, and public housing designated for seniors.

Effective immediately, the law requires an administrator to notify the emergency contact, in the event of the death of the senior citizen within 24 hours. If the administrator fails to comply with the law, they face a \$500 civil penalty. The Commissioner of Community Affairs is to adopt regulations that govern the notification procedures.

VAWA Update - What You Need to Know

LeadingAge New Jersey recently hosted an audio presentation on the implications of VAWA provisions for multi-family housing. All housing providers are urged to become familiar with these provisions and act immediately to ensure all properties are operating within the new standards.

HUD's final rule under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization of 2013 was published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2016, provisions effective December 16, 2016. Some of the provisions include:

- **Codifies core protections** - Ensures that survivors are not denied assistance, evicted, or terminated from housing assistance for being a victim, or being affiliated with a victim, of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- **Emergency transfers** - Allows survivors to move to another available unit if they fear for their life and safety. The final rule includes a model emergency transfer plan and an emergency transfer request form. PHAs will have 180 days, until June 14, 2017, to develop emergency transfer plans.
- **Protections against denials, terminations, and evictions that directly result from being a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking** - Survivors often face denial, termination, or eviction for reasons that seem unrelated to being a survivors, such as poor rental history or poor credit, but is actually a direct result of being a survivor of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The final rule prohibits any denial, termination, or eviction that is a direct result of the fact that the applicant or tenant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, if the applicant or tenant otherwise qualifies for admission, assistance, participation, or occupancy.
- **Low-barrier certification process** - Enables survivors to exercise their VAWA rights through self-certification in most cases, easing the barrier of third-party validation. The final rule includes a certification form that may be used by covered housing providers.

View and download the four model forms at [HUDClips](#).

Member Benefits

Curious to learn how you can lower your monthly costs while maintaining the same purchasing practices?

Value First offers competitive pricing with over 400 popular vendors in all categories including Medical, Office, Environmental, Maintenance, and Food. The program is entirely free to LeadingAge membership and offers an array of informative services which hold no obligation. A list of frequently used vendors can be found on [our website](#).

If you would like to hear about how this free program can best serve you, your staff and your organization, please contact Denis Miciletto at 917-370-6518, or by email at dmiciletto@leadingagency.org.

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Take advantage of **LeadingAge New Jersey's** outstanding member benefit-an annual **inQ Skilled Nursing Resident Experience Survey** at no cost to you. The survey is offered by Symbria Analytics and includes the concise, short-format survey that sets inQ Experience Surveys apart. It also provides a clear, easy-to-read report that delivers turnkey marketing support as well as the data you need to drive improvements that matter to your residents and their families.

Visit the [inQ website](#) for more information, or to get your questions answered now, contact Michelle McNeel, Survey Coordinator, at 630-413-5858 or mmcneel@symbria.com.

Welcome New Members

LeadingAge New Jersey is delighted to welcome the following new members:

Providers:

- **The Manor Health & Rehabilitation Center**

Business Partners:

- **Aculabs**
- **JKRP Architects**
- **Navigator**
- **Stratus Interoperable, Inc.**
- **Technocality, Inc.**
- **Trilogy Consulting, LLC**
- **WithumSmith+Brown**

Upcoming Events

March 19-22, 2017

Broaden your perspective and expand your thinking, at the pre-eminent leadership forum for top-tier executives in the aging services field.

(Note: Policy Briefing and Capitol Hill Visits are on **March 22**)

Registration link: <http://leadingage.org/peak-leadership-summit>

Provider Update on Managed Medicaid: Acute Care and Long Term Supports & Services (MLTSS) and Medicaid Expansion

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Our third annual update featuring representatives from N.J. Dept. of Health and Medicaid Managed Care will include eligibility determinations, enrollment, care management, quality measurement, claims processing, and payment.

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NJHA Conference & Event Center

Princeton, NJ

Fee: \$99/Member; \$149/Non-Member

Registration link: <http://www.njha.com/education/brochure/?id=773>

Introduction to the NEW Recovery Audit Contractor for New Jersey -

Friday, April 28, 2017

This webinar will introduce New Jersey providers to HMS Federal Solutions and provide information regarding the implementation of recovery audits for 2017.

11:00 a.m.

No Fee

Registration link:

<https://njha.webex.com/njha/onstage/g.php?>

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LeadingAge New Jersey Annual Meeting & Expo

June 14-16, 2017

Harrah's Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center

Atlantic City, N.J.

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