

NEWS & NOTES

Leading Stories from LeadingAge New Jersey



Events

LEADINGAGE NEW JERSEY
GOLF & TENNIS
CLASSIC
OCTOBER 9, 2018

SAVE THE DATE!

Cherry Valley Country Club
125 Country Club Drive
Skillman, NJ 08558

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SCHEDULE		RATES		ATTENTION!
10:00 am	Registration & Brunch	MEMBERS	NON - MEMBERS	NON-GOLFERS Not a golfer? No problem! LeadingAge NJ is offering its first-ever Tennis Clinic with Cherry Valley Tennis Director Keith Pierson. Come and learn the basics as well as round robin play all day!
12:00 pm	Shotgun Start Scramble	\$300 per player	\$350 per player	
5:00 pm	Cocktail Reception	\$1,150 per foursome	\$1,350 per foursome	

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Registration information will soon be available. Stay tuned!

Hurricane Preparedness

A Review of the NJ State Hurricane Decision Support Tool and
NJDOH Hurricane Annex

Speakers

- Sgt. Lee Carvalho, New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management
- All Hazards Incident Management Team
 - James Jim Weldin, MEP, New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Emergency

Date/Time

- July 26, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Register

- [Click here](#)

Learning Objectives

- Review the history of the development of the NJOEM Hurricane Decision Support Tool (HDST).
- Discuss key concepts captured in the NJOEM HDST.
- Review revised 2018 NJDOH Hurricane Annex including discussion on key changes such as capture and reporting of Critical Information requirements into analysis of incident impact.

**Please note Continuing Education credit is available for attendance provided you register individually or send a sign-in sheet with time in and out signed by supervisor.

REMINDER - REGISTER TODAY!

**New Jersey Department of Human Services
Division of Aging Services Webinar**

The Any Willing Qualified Provider (AWQP) is a Department of Human Services (DHS) nursing home quality improvement initiative, which is being implemented under Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS). AWQP will require Medicaid certified nursing facilities (NFs) serving MLTSS participants to meet Quality Performance Standards (QPS) as a means to raise the overall quality of care and establish standards for moving from state-set rates to negotiated, value-based contracting.

You are invited to choose one of the dates listed below for this webinar which will present an overview of the appeal request and the quality performance plan (QPP) report.

July 31, 2018 from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

[Click here to Register](#)

August 2, 2018 from 10:00 am - 11:30 am

[Click here to Register](#)

NFs will have the opportunity to appeal data results that impact or may impact their AWQP designation. The QPP report is an action plan created by the NF to address any of the seven measures that fall outside the State benchmark. The QPP report is used to support the NF's continuous quality improvement efforts.

The webinar will focus on the following:

- What is an Appeal Request?
- Reasons for Appeal
- Criteria for Measures
- Supporting Documentation
- How appeals will be reflected on the QPS Report?
- What is a QPP Report and when should a facility create one?
- When to submit a QPP Report?
- Timeframes for the Appeal Requests and QPP Reports

News & Updates

We are committed to keeping you up to date with news that will help you and your organization thrive.

President & CEO James McCracken Hits the Road

LeadingAge New Jersey President & CEO James McCracken has vowed to visit mission-driven organizations across the state to learn how to better serve LeadingAge members and most importantly, New Jersey's seniors.

On July 12, LANJ President & CEO James McCracken visited the Baptist Home of South Jersey and received a warm welcome from Baptist Home Trustee Bob Norcross and Administrator, Joanne Schwartz.



After McCracken's visit to Baptist Home of South Jersey, he toured United Methodist Communities at Collingswood with Executive Director Jim Clancy and got a closer look at efforts to transform their skilled nursing center into a household model.



LeadingAge National Launches Learning HUB

LeadingAge National has recently launched its new **Learning HUB** website, a portal for accessing various online training materials, webinars, PowerPoint presentations, recorded seminars/sessions, and more. Some of the offerings are free, while others require a nominal fee or are viewable by members only.

Both housing and healthcare related educational topics are offered. Members can choose from 'QuickCast' trainings which are no longer than 15 minutes to 'Spotlight' trainings that are a half hour to an hour, while 'Webinars' and 'Sessions' go up to an hour and a half, and 'Deep Dives' that are greater than 2 hours. Other training resources are available to enhance the skills, knowledge, and competencies of aging services staff at all levels.

Access the **Learning HUB** [here!](#)

Documenting the Benefits of Comprehensive Culture Change

According to a recently released study by the LeadingAge LTSS Center @ UMASS Boston, comprehensive adoption of person-centered care and the household model can enhance interactions between nursing home residents and their care partners, improve nursing home residents' dining experience, and reduce residents' depressive symptoms.

[Findings from the 2017 study of Culture Change](#)

Tax Incentives for Charitable Giving - Seniors Action Network

LeadingAge and Volunteers of America have sent out a joint alert on H.R. 5771, the Charitable Giving Tax Deduction Act. The legislation would boost tax incentives for charitable donations by allowing all taxpayers a deduction for their contributions whether or not they itemize on their tax returns. LeadingAge and Volunteers of America's message to House members urges them to cosponsor this legislation.

2019 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations

The Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations measure funds home and community-based services under the Older Americans Act, healthcare workforce programs, low-income home energy assistance, Community Services Block Grants, Lifespan Respite Care, and Social Services Block Grants, and geriatrics education, all of which are important to older people living in community settings.

On July 11, the House Appropriations Committee approved a spending measure that mostly level-funds these programs; several of these programs received a spending boost in the 2018 appropriations measure enacted in March. The allocations for programs under the bill approved by the committee exceed the budget requests made by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its own measure last month. The next step for both bills is floor votes in their respective houses. Neither bill has been scheduled for floor consideration as yet, however, and these programs likely will be funded by some form of continuing resolution from the beginning of fiscal 2019 on October 1 through the November elections.

Policy & Advocacy

We are your voice, advocating for you collectively and individually. Our goal is to ensure that our members' best interests are advanced at all levels of government. The list below are among the important legislative matters tracked by LeadingAge New Jersey.



Make Your Voice Heard

Congress is actively considering many issues that affect the lives of seniors and their service providers. We need help to make sure Congress hears how their actions impact you. Take a moment to contact your representatives in Washington D.C. and [make your voice heard!](#)

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