

NEWS & NOTES

Leading Stories from LeadingAge New Jersey



News

After 70 Years, New York Armenian Home Closes, Merges with New Jersey Facility

The New York Armenian Home relocated and merged with the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (ANRC) in Emerson, N.J., the Mirror-Spectator [reported](#).

The ANRC was looking to upgrade its facility, at the same time the directors of the Armenian Home had entered an agreement to sell their facility for \$50 million and started looking for a new location.

The two facilities agreed to enter a joint venture, for which the legal paperwork is being finalized. The sale of the Armenian Home in Flushing, Queens, is expected to close in August, with part of the proceeds going to finance the partnership.

Khoren Bandazian, secretary of ANRC's board of directors, told the Mirror-Spectator that the two entities would establish a new non-profit company in which each side will participate. They are in talks with the Hackensack Meridian Health Network to be the developer, build the facility, and manage it upon completion, Bandazian added.

Annual Meeting & EXPO Recap

On June 5-7, 2018, LeadingAge NJ hosted attendees, speakers and exhibitors from across the state at the Annual Meeting & EXPO at Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ.

The Annual Meeting & EXPO kicked off with an Opening Reception on Tuesday, June 5, and provided attendees with the perfect platform to network and further develop connections with C-Suite Professionals, Administrators, Executive Directors, Housing Managers, Purchasing Directors, and many others. **Special thank you to MatrixCare for sponsoring the Opening Reception and Preakness Healthcare Center for sponsoring the entertainment!**



The General Session on Wednesday, June 6 featured our opening keynote by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle, *Driving Miss Norma*. The keynote was an absolute hit and inspiration to so many attendees. *Driving Miss Norma* portrayed a journey of living life and showed us it is never too late to begin an adventure or inspire hope. **Special thank you to Springpoint Senior Living for the Opening Keynote sponsorship!**



The day finished off with the LeadingAge NJ Reception and provided attendees and exhibitors another great opportunity to network and further develop connections. **Special thank you to NK Architects for sponsoring the LeadingAge NJ Reception and CliftonLarsonAllen for providing the entertainment!**



Attendees, speakers and exhibitors attended numerous continuing education sessions throughout the day. Educational sessions covered a range of subject areas: use of technology in operations; addressing needs of LGBTQ Seniors; transitional care; informational security; MLTSS; ethics; bridging the generation gap; how music is elevating cognitive care; HUD's 232 and other financing options; purchasing strategies and impacts to budgets.





The Closing Session on Thursday, June 7 featured LeadingAge NJ's first Town Hall Conversation and attracted more than 100 attendees. Nursing home, affordable housing, hospice, assisted living, CCRC, PACE providers shared concerns with our national partner, LeadingAge. **Special thank you to Christian Health Care Center for the Town Hall sponsorship!**



LeadingAge President & CEO Katie Smith Sloan spoke at the Closing Session on Thursday, June 7 and highlighted the various advocacy efforts taken at the national level and we concluded the day with an insightful and funny closing keynote from Catherine A. Sanderson, PhD, The Science of Happiness.





Events & Updates

Long-Term Care Facility Provider Training Available

June 22, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

NJ Forensic Science Technology Center Auditorium

1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08671

Description: Several state agencies – the Medicaid Fraud Division (MFD) of the State Comptroller's Office, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) in the Department of Human Services, and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) in the Attorney General's Office -- are working together with New Jersey's Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to identify and recover funds attributable to fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicaid program.

This session is designed to give stakeholders a better understanding of best practices to prevent, avoid, and detect fraud, waste, and abuse relating to Long-Term Care Facility services. Goals of This Presentation - To Help Attendees Understand:

- Structure of the State Medicaid program integrity efforts
- Medicaid regulatory framework
- Medicaid documentation requirements
- Third Party Liability (TPL) requirements
- Fraud, waste and abuse obligations (reporting and prevention)
- Consequences for non-compliance.

Speakers: Representatives from Aetna, Amerigroup, Horizon NJ Health, UnitedHealthcare, Wellcare and the State agencies listed above.

Registration is limited to 190 participants! To register, [click here](#).

National Emergency Preparedness Webinar Provider Readiness

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a national webinar for Providers on topics and questions related to the new CMS Emergency Preparedness (EP) Rule, the 1135 waiver and Lessons Learned (observations) within the past year.

What: National Emergency Preparedness Webinar: Emergency Preparedness: Provider Readiness

Who: Health care providers

When: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 1:00 - 2:30 pm, EST.

To register for the upcoming webinar, [click here](#).

Submit EP-related questions in advance to SCGEmergencyPrep@cms.hhs.gov.

Get Connected and Involved

Our national partner, **LeadingAge**, offers a variety of ways for members to engage with one another and get involved from listservs and networks to advisory groups, committees and board service.

Listservs and Networks

Join listservs to connect with your peers, get answers to questions and share what you know with your colleagues. Listserv membership is open to all LeadingAge members and their staff.

Advisory Groups

Join an advisory group and connect with peer experts who help advance LeadingAge's strategic priorities, inform policy development and recommend member value programs, products and services.

Volunteer

LeadingAge relies on the expertise, experience and dedication of our members. If you have interest in sharing your skills and experience with the largest LeadingAge community, we invite you to complete the expression of interest form.

To learn more, [click here!](#)

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.

CNA Ratio Legislation Pulled from Senate Vote

S-1612/A-382 (Stack/Jimenez) - Establishes minimum certified nurse aide-to-resident ratios in nursing homes.

LeadingAge NJ, in partnership with the Health Care Association of NJ and the New Jersey Hospital Association, executed multiple **Call to Action** campaigns and is pleased to note that S-1612, which was set to be voted on by the full Senate on Thursday, June 7, was pulled from the board list shortly before the session. If the legislation were to pass and go to the Governor's desk and signed in its current form, we estimated a significant fiscal impact of \$95 million on New Jersey's nursing facilities.

LeadingAge NJ will continue to oppose this legislation in its current form and advocate for significant amendments. Stay tuned for legislative updates.

CNA Reciprocity Legislation Introduced in the Senate and Assembly

S-2679/A-2442 (Singer/Benson) - Establishes reciprocity requirements for out-of-State certified nurse aides and personal care assistants to practice in New Jersey.

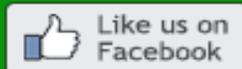
Senator Robert Singer, a member of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and Assemblyman Daniel Benson, a member of the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee introduced legislation that establishes reciprocity requirements for out-of-State certified nurse aides and personal care assistants to practice in New Jersey.

The Senate and Assembly bills will go through the normal legislative process and LeadingAge NJ will continue to monitor both bills closely.

A copy of the legislation is available by [clicking here](#).

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