With negotiations on the budget still a work in progress, there is little to update on the sales tax issue and the CCRC Statute Revision bill. The latest word is that the two chambers may vote on a two-year budget plan the week of August 14. We continue to advocate for inclusion of language exempting CCRCs from charging sales tax on any services provided to residents as a part of the final budget package. There are usually a couple of weeks of work to wrap up a legislative session after a budget is passed. If that is the case this year, we remain hopeful the CCRC Statute Revision bill will make it through the process, particularly if the House gets a head start on hearing bills soon after August 7th.

Advocacy Win: HUD Releases New Funding,
Relief for Senior Housing  LeadingAge worked with both the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Congress to bring **new additional funding and relief provisions** to senior housing providers. HUD’s **supplemental guidance** for the Rental Assistance Demonstration will support senior housing communities undergoing preservation transactions with $12 million in available funding and other changes requested by LeadingAge.

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**STRATEGIC THINKING**

See Members’ Well-Done Workforce Websites

Need inspiration to boost your online recruitment? See how **LeadingAge members are crafting their Careers web pages** to align with the research-backed **Opening Doors to the Aging Services Workforce** strategies and messages. These vibrant pages are filled with words and images of aging services employees and inspiring text. Shout out to LeadingAge North Carolina member, **Givens Communities**, for their Careers web page which is featured as a well-done workforce website.

From the Desk of Katie Smith Sloan: Building Our Workforce One Person at a Time

LeadingAge’s collection of workforce resources is designed to help you strengthen your workforce by supporting each person who makes up that workforce, writes LeadingAge national's President & CEO Katie Smith Sloan. Read **Katie’s latest blog post** now.

Functional Assessment & Activity Monitoring Tool Updated from CAST

The Functional Assessment and Activity Monitoring Technology Tool now includes **updated product information** for 14 products in both the **online selection tool** and **product selection matrix**, as well as a new product that works with more than 120 organizations to promote aging in place and to address social isolation.
New Technology Education: Broadband Access & Cybersecurity

The LeadingAge Center for Aging Services Technology produced two new member learning opportunities on timely tech topics:

- Bridging The Broadband Affordability Gap. This brief, on-demand QuickCast outlines how the BEAD Program and Digital Equity Act are designed to ensure low-income households have access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet and the training to make the most use of it.

- Cybersecurity: Pre-Breach Preparedness. Join LeadingAge on October 17 for a live event with health information and security experts about cybersecurity preparedness. Learn how to stay ahead of emerging threats and other legal, regulatory, and risk management considerations.

AI Brings Promises and Concerns

New artificial intelligence (AI) integrations promise to assist with staffing woes, and thought leaders outline ways that AI can succeed—but other experts pinpoint aspects to approach with caution. Read more about how AI can benefit aging services by assisting workers, but also requires providers to take into account other considerations such as privacy concerns.

LeadingAge Recaps

Each week, LeadingAge experts curate timely, helpful resources on a variety of topics important to aging services providers.

- Life Plan Community Weekly Recap
- Nursing Home Weekly Recap
- Senior Housing Weekly Recap
- Workforce Policy Weekly Recap
Revisions to Bylaws Approved
Revisions to LeadingAge North Carolina’s bylaws were approved July 18. The updates were the first since 2011 and were approved on a unanimous vote at a Zoom meeting attended by more than 65% of the association’s membership. Major changes include expansion of membership categories to include for-profit members, addition of up to two strategic appointments to the board of directors, and revisions to the association’s committee structure. A “Frequently Asked Questions” document provides additional detail.

New Insights and Tools From LeadingAge
LeadingAge staff experts are developing essential advocacy, guidance, and tools and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers. Here is what’s new:

- Senate Appropriations Committee Passes FY24 Labor-HHS Funding Bill
- Casey to CMS: Increase Transparency, Improve Monitoring of State Survey Agencies
- House Committee Urges Solution to IRS Backlogs for Employee Retention Credits
- DOL, NLRB Publish Updated Regulatory Agendas
- EEOC: Individuals with Visual Disabilities at Work
- CBO Releases Social Security, Labor Force Participation Projections
- We Must Spearhead Academic Partnerships to Train Our Future Leaders

LPC July Call Materials Available
The recording and handouts are now available from the recent LeadingAge national LPC Member Network meeting on launching a satellite campus.
Value First 5-Star Sweepstakes

Value First is running a 5-Star Sweepstakes and your organization could win one of five $10,000 prizes. What would you do with $10,000?

Register Now for the 2023 LeadingAge Annual Meeting in Chicago

Registration for the LeadingAge Annual Meeting in Chicago from Nov. 5–8 is now open! Register now to get the first choice of hotels for you and your team.

Save the Date: Night Out in Chicago

LeadingAge North Carolina's Night Out in Chicago will be November 6, 6:00-7:30pm. Save the date! This is a member only event.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WORKFORCE ❤ SUMMIT

August 23, 2023
Greensboro, NC

Continuing education credit available for human resource professionals and nursing home administrators
• **Management Training Summer Series** (virtual)
  August 3 (today noon-1pm)
  August 17

• **Workforce Summit** August 23 in Greensboro

• **Nurse Management Symposium** September 13 in Colfax

• **Manager Training Series** September 27 in Colfax

• **CEO/Executive Director Regional Meetings**
  October 5 in Charlotte
  October 6 in Asheville
  October 10 in the Triangle
  October 11 in the Triad

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Thank you for being a LeadingAge North Carolina member. You are part of our aging services community that touches more than 20,000 North Carolinians daily. As a member, you have access to our education, advocacy, networking, and shared services. Together, we advance policies, promote practices and conduct research that empower North Carolinians to live fully as they age.

Stay up to date by visiting our [website](#), following us on social media, and [contact us](#) with any questions about your membership.