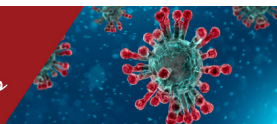


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State Update

- BACHA Votes to Extend 2020 LNHA Renewals to June 30, 2021
- State of emergency ends May 28th – last day for TAs to work
- Spark Fund audits to start in next few weeks (5% sample)
- Medicaid eligibility processing – phone lines open again, now accepting direct calls from nursing facilities
- CARE/PASSR reminder: Extension ends June 21st, by that date a PASSR must be on file for anyone entering your facility
- KDADS plans to post updated vaccine and testing guidance after Memorial Day

Federal Update

American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding guidance released last week

- All funds must be spent by 2026
- Researching timelines and options in Kansas at state and local levels
- Stay tuned for more details and member discussions

Provider Relief Funds updates (Read national article [here](#))

- Unless HHS or Congress takes action to change this, providers must use all PRF dollars they have received by June 30, 2021 for their coronavirus expenses and lost revenues incurred up until that point. **LeadingAge and others advocating for one year extension**
- Portal still not open to apply for next round of relief funds

Member Question: What are you doing as far as mask wearing for staff vaccinated or unvaccinated working in Independent Living?

We Can Do This – Digital Day of Action

Today, HHS along with other government and community partners is hosting a national vaccine day of action online, and we're inviting you to join. As a trusted leader in your community, your voice is important.

- Reach out to your networks and let them know about how to find a vaccine appointment using [vaccine.gov](https://www.vaccine.gov).
- Post on social media.
- Share why getting vaccinated is important to you while using the hashtag #WeCanDoThis.

You can find the Digital Day of Action social media messages, along with other [helpful resources and toolkits here](#).

SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming Webinar

Medicaid NF Rates Calculation and Strategies - 2 Part Webinar

Tuesday, July 20 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Tuesday, July 27 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Dave Halferty, Mayers & Stauffer | Session 1

Bob Dick, Bland & Associates | Session 2

Still confirming details. Keep watching for registration soon.

Guest Presenter on June 11 Weekly Webinar

David McDonnell – OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist

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