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# LeadingAge Kansas Weekly Webinar February 11, 2022

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# Federal Update

## Updated FAQs on Provider Relief Funds

The Congressional Research Service released an update to its report, “[The Provider Relief Fund: Frequently Asked Questions](#).” In addition to clear, simple background information on PRF authorities and allocations to date, the updated report includes current reporting requirements and information about Phase 4 funds.

## CDC Updates Recommendations for Duration of Isolation and Precautions

CDC has released updated recommendations for the duration of isolation and precautions in individuals with SARS-CoV-2 infection. Read more [here](#).

**Booster rates on Care Compare.** Nursing home staff and resident booster rates are now displayed on Care Compare. These rates are calculated from your weekly NHSN data submissions.

**CMS Memo to States – Survey to the Extent of Requirements:** CMS issued a memo today to states advising them to survey to the full extent of requirements. Read the memo [here](#). While some states have discussed not surveying on the CMS vaccine mandate, this memo seems to indicate that a state’s decision will not safeguard the provider. CMS has promised that if a state fails to survey to the full extent of requirements, remedial actions will be taken including hiring contractors to complete the job. Providers should be prepared to demonstrate compliance with the CMS vaccine mandate according to the appropriate implementation dates. A state-by-state run-down of these dates is available [here](#).

# State Update

1. Aftermath from KDADS /KDHE webinar this week: Please let Debra know when you hear back if you asked a question. Pressing to get questions answered and made available to all asap.
2. Why is there a delay in getting info on KDADS application of vaccine mandate compliance and enforcement? We are advocating.
3. What the heck is going on with Battelle sign up? We're pressing for the agencies and Midwest Coordination Center to get their collective act together.
4. REMINDER: If you are using antigen test kits that are different than what you originally put on your CLIA waiver application, send an email to notify [kdhe.clia2@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.clia2@ks.gov)

# Legislative Update

## This week:

- [HB 2524](#) advocacy continues – required next step is for the House Children and Seniors Committee to vote on the bill
- Medicaid funding and SPARK proposal work continues, joint proposals with KHCA
- [SB 453](#) introduced to increase and modernize CNA training in Kansas
- [HB 2652](#) introduced to extend flexibilities and liability protections for businesses and health care providers (includes adult care homes)
- Chair of House Children and Seniors Committee announced that at some point next week they will be voting on [HB 2004](#) – Appeals for involuntary discharges in assisted living and other state-licensed only settings
- Sen. Roger Marshall introduced a [Joint Resolution](#) for congressional disapproval for the CMS COVID-19 vaccine mandate. With 35 co-sponsors the resolution is eligible for a vote on the Senate floor next week.

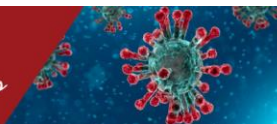
## Next week: (Last full week of hearing before Turnaround)

- Monday House Judiciary hearing on HB 2652
- Tuesday Senate Public Health and Welfare hearing SB 453
- Wednesday – Thursday Budget hearings for KDADS (includes long term care Medicaid funding)
- Friday – LeadingAge Kansas Virtual Advocacy Day

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# Webinar: Anti-Virals & COVID Therapeutics

Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

Dr. Joan Duwve – KDHE Acting State Health Officer

[Click here to register](#)

Send questions to [nicole@leadingagekansas.org](mailto:nicole@leadingagekansas.org)

# LeadingAge National

## Coronavirus calls next week:

- **February 14th, 2:30 PM Central.** Policy updates, Q&A, and speaker. Medical Director of LA Jewish Home will talk about his community's efforts to keep COVID-19 out, dealing with surges, impact of isolation on residents, and successful efforts to increase staff and resident booster rates.
- **February 16th, 2:30 PM Central.** Policy updates, Q&A, and Johns Hopkins professor **Melissa deCardi Hladek** to talk about her recent research on how we are coping with COVID-19 and what we can do to help manage stress during these trying times.

If you haven't registered for LeadingAge Update Calls, [you can do so here.](#)

# LeadingAge Kansas

- No COVID-19 Update today.
- Board Call for Nominations will be out next week. Deadline – March 18.

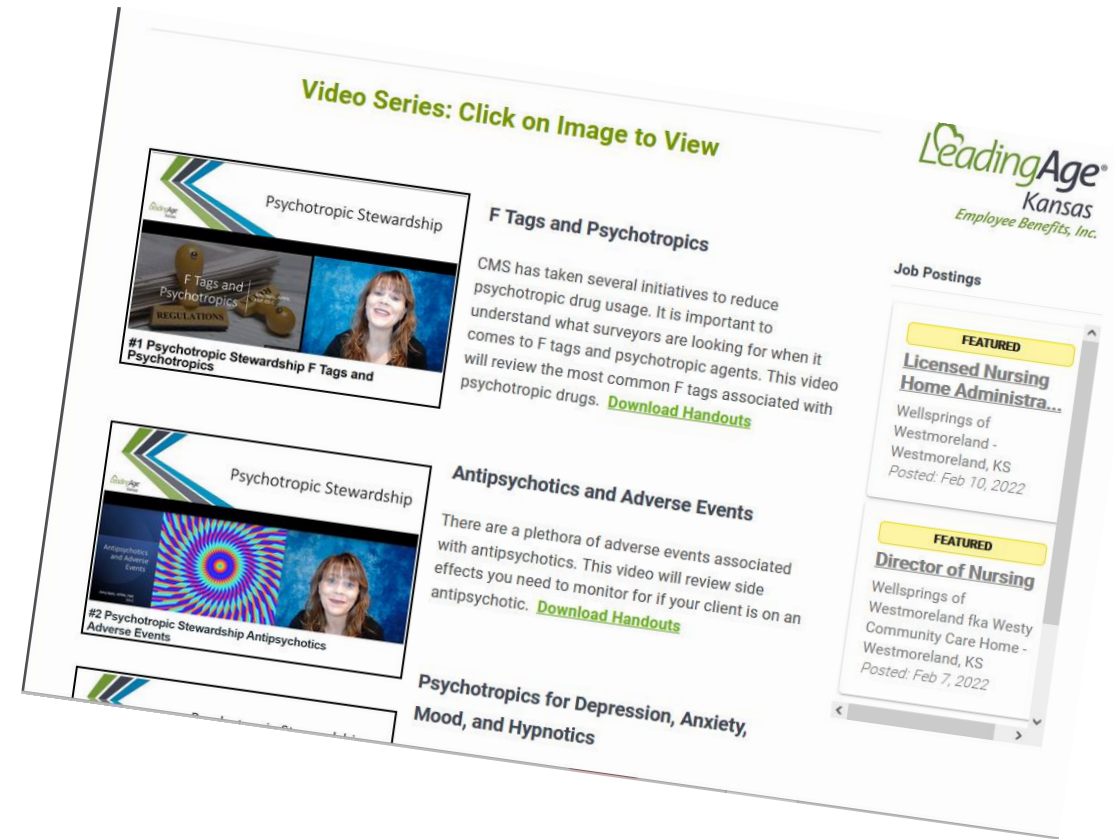




[Http://www.leadingagekansas.org/psych](http://www.leadingagekansas.org/psych)

- Short educational videos by Amy Siple, APRN
- Affinity Group for peer-to-peer support and learning
- Technical Assistance with 1 hour provided free by LK

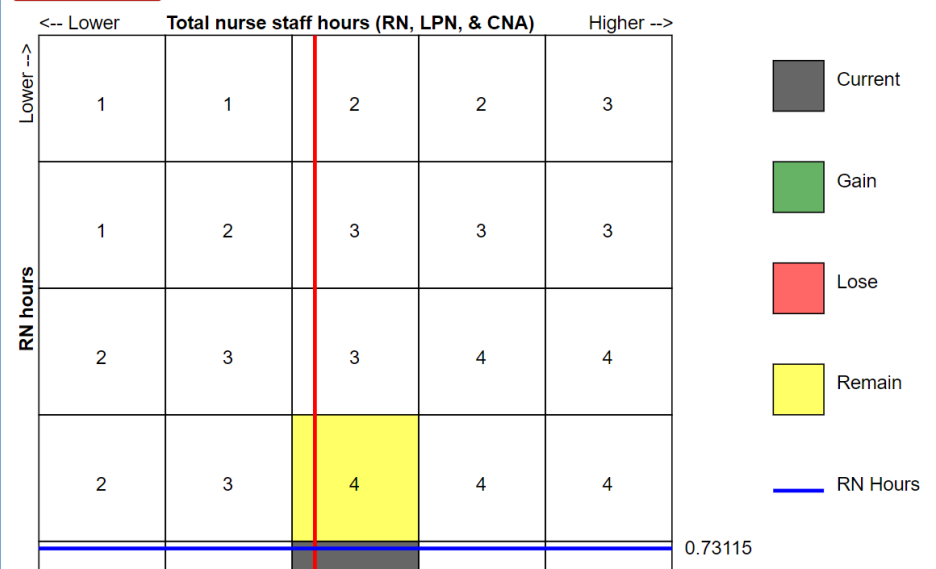
[Sign up for the first affinity group discussion](#) on Thursday, March 3rd from 1 – 2:30 PM.





# 5 Star Reports Went Out Yesterday 2/10

The number in the box where the blue (i.e. adjusted RN hours) and red (i.e. adjusted total nurse staff hours) lines intersect represents the numbers of stars this facility receives for staffing. The columns going from left to right represents the number of stars for total nurse staff hours. The rows going from top to bottom represent the number of stars for RN hours. [View Staffing 5 Star Trend](#) [Staffing matrix explanation](#)



## Nursing Home Five Star Analysis

Extract Date: October 1, 2017

Overall 5 Star Rating: ★★★★★ Previous Month: ★★★★★ 3 Months Prior: ★★★★★ [Help](#)

Follow the sections below to see how your current rating is calculated and 2 scenarios that could possibly change your overall 5 star rating. [View Overall 5 Star Trend](#)

**Growing Importance of Nursing Home Ratings**  
 Receiving a better than average 5-star rating has never been more important to nursing homes. These ratings are increasingly used by consumers, regulators, insurers and other payers, and provider networks to select which facilities they will consider having relationships with. Nursing homes may not even be able to obtain sufficient referrals or receive Medicare and Medicaid funding in the future if they do not have at least a 3-star rating.



The health inspection rating is based on number, scope and severity of deficiencies identified during the three most recent annual inspection surveys and from the most recent 36 months of complaint investigations. More than one event will have a negative impact on the score for a survey cycle. The total score from each survey cycle is weighted so that the more recent survey cycles have more impact on the overall total score as compared to the older survey cycles. [View Health Inspection 5 Star Trend](#)

Inspection Cycle	1	2	3
Health Survey Date	2016-12-09	2015-10-01	2014-07-10
Count of Health Deficiencies			
Standard			
Immediate Jeopardy	0	0	0
Severe	0	0	0
Substandard QOC	0	0	0
Administration	2	2	2
Environmental	2	1	1
Mistreatment	0	1	0
Nutrition and Dietary	1	0	1

[View Quality Measure 5 Star Trend](#)

Quality Measure	Rate	Points	Better → Wors	Interpretation	Bottom Cut Point	Top Cut Point
<b>Higher Rate is Better</b>						
Successful community discharge (short-stay)	64.266	80	59.9 — 64.3 — 66.0	Increasing this QM rate by 3.4% or by approximately 2.182 percentage points could result in gaining 20 points.	59.927	66.449
Functional Improvement (short-stay)	67.384	60	62.9 — 67.4 — 71.0	Increasing this QM rate by 5.3% or by approximately 3.582 percentage points could result in gaining 20 points.	62.862	70.967
<b>Lower Rate is Better</b>						
Physical Restraints (long-stay)	0	100	0 — 0 — 0	<b>Potential To Lose Points</b> Although full points are currently being attained for this QM, having a single person flag for this QM would result in losing 40 points.	0	0
Injurious Falls (long-stay)	5.405	20	5.4 — 5 — 100	<b>Potential To Gain Points</b> Decreasing this QM rate by 6.8% or by approximately 0.369 percentage points could result in gaining 20 points.	5.036	100
Urinary Tract Infection (long-stay)	9.73	20	9.7 — 15 — 100	Decreasing this QM rate by 21.9% or by approximately 2.131 percentage points could result in gaining 20 points.	7.599	100

# 2022 Spring Conference & Expo Wichita @ Hyatt Regency and Century II

Mark your calendars for April 14 – 15! Education, Networking, Exhibitors and more!

Covid Protocols Released. If you have questions regarding our Covid Protocols please contact Hayley Spicer or Dana Weaver.

Official Webpage for the Conference is:

<http://www.leadingagekansas.org/22spring>



# Upcoming Weekly Webinar Guest Presenters\*

**February 18, 2022**

**Virtual Advocacy Day (with special guests)**

**February 25, 2022**

**Katie Smith Sloan, President and CEO of LeadingAge**

\*These dates are all tentative.

# Value First PPE and Testing Update

- **McKesson, Value First's preferred distribution partner, supply chain update:**
  - The Quidel Quickvue rapid antigen tests are slowly becoming available if your community is in need.
  - Please allow for a **minimum three-week backorder delay**, they are anticipating continued supply for now.
  - They are receiving additional FDA approved antigen tests as well.
  - Due to the very high demand, you may still be requested to limit orders to a 30-day supply.
  - McKesson continues to see improvement with sourcing gowns.
  - Additional PPE supplies continue to be readily available however plastic and paper products are still harder to stock consistently.
  - Continue to be in close contact with your McKesson representative with the additional needs you might have. , Scott Fleet.  
(816.305.7177) [scott.fleet@mckesson.com](mailto:scott.fleet@mckesson.com)
- Should your community have challenges finding any product in high demand, please reach out to [ann@leadingagekansas.org](mailto:ann@leadingagekansas.org)





# Mindfulness Minute: Power Naps

## How to get a good power nap

- Most sleep researchers recommend napping before 2 p.m., so that your nap has less impact on your nighttime sleep.
- Drinking a small amount of caffeine before your nap may help you avoid the groggy feeling of sleep inertia when you wake up because it takes some time for the caffeine to affect your body.
- On days you aren't able to take a nap, getting out in bright sunlight can help restore energy.
- Set an alarm so you don't sleep for more than 20 minutes.
- Find a cool, quiet, dark place for napping, or consider wearing an eye mask and earplugs.

