

LEADINGAGE POLICY UPDATE

For Members of LeadingAge Kansas

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Overview

- **LeadingAge policy priority setting process and the 2021 Policy Priorities**
- **Postcard from Washington, DC**
- **The American Rescue Act**
- **CDC and CMS guidance, especially related to visitation in nursing homes**
- **Nursing home reform**
- **Liability**

Postcard from Washington

- **Change...or not so much?**
- **117th Congress – a different balance**
- **New Administration**
- **Opportunities**

The American Rescue Act

- **Status of the legislation??**
- **What's in the bill for LeadingAge members?**
 - Vaccine, testing, PPE funds
 - Premium pay for “essential workers”
 - Significant state and local funds
 - Provider relief for eligible rural providers
 - \$1400 stimulus checks that do not affect eligibility for Medicaid or HUD
 - Nursing home strike teams and QIO enhancements
 - HCBS Medicaid FMAP bump
 - Housing funding
- **What's NOT in the bill?**
 - Minimum wage increase
 - Provider relief for all providers who need it
 - New housing funds

CDC and CMS Guidance

- **What's next on vaccines?**
- **CDC public health guidance on Monday**
- **CMS guidance – coming out any time now, probably accompanied by additional CDC guidance**
 - **What we know**
 - **Best guesses**

Nursing Home Reform

- **What we've learned from COVID**
- **LeadingAge legislative priorities**
- **National Academies study**
- **Let's be visionary**

COVID-19 Civil Liability Protections

1) PREP Act

2) Federal Legislative Efforts

3) State Legislative and Executive Efforts

PREP Act

- **PREP Act – Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (2005)**
- **What is it and does it apply to COVID-19 pandemic?**
- **Timeline of PREP Act during pandemic**

Federal Legislative Outlook

- **Overview of efforts and competing interests**
- **Broad coalitions seeking protections**
- **Outlook in new administration and Congress**

State Efforts on Liability Protections

- **Wide variations among the states**
- **What is being sought?**
- **The impact of COVID-19 on insurance rates and coverage terms**