Democrats Introduce Legislation to Invest in HCBS, Increase Worker Pay

Democrats and the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate unveiled legislation, the Better Care Better Jobs Act, yesterday to implement the Biden administration’s goal of spending hundreds of billions of dollars on home-based care in the coming years.

The legislation would give states far more money to invest in and expand home-and-community-based care programs. States would be given $100 million, by no later than one calendar year after enactment of the legislation, to create plans to expand access to Medicaid HCBS and “strengthen” the HCBS workforce.

Over 3.5 million older adults and people with disabilities are currently receiving HCBS.

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A Third of Americans Rely on the Unregulated 'Gray Market' for Senior Care

Nearly a third of Americans who pay for senior care hire workers that aren’t tied to a regulated agency, a new study from RAND Corporation suggests. Instead, these individuals hire or use workers from the “gray market,” or the unregulated market of under-the-table labor.

For professional home-based care agencies, the findings suggest there’s a huge, untapped market for their services, but only if they can tailor costs to middle-income individuals.

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- find the products, services, and solutions your company needs in the industry’s biggest and best Expo;
- hear from keynote speakers who will inform, inspire, and challenge conventional thinking.

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HHS Secretary Defends HCBS Priorities to Congress

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra recently testified to three key Congressional committees, discussing a wide variety of health care issues, including issues related to home and community-based services.

Consistent with past practice, the Biden Administration has released a proposed budget for what they deem necessary to carry out the various policies and programs under their authority. The President’s budget does not carry the weight of law, as Congress holds the power of the purse, but it does give a useful insight into what the President is prioritizing and how he views various issue areas. Following the
Implementing a Mandatory COVID-19 Testing Policy

From our partners at Polsinelli

As COVID-19 vaccinations rates increase and COVID-19 related restrictions ease across the country, many homecare employers find themselves with two new but related challenges:

1. more clients are requesting only vaccinated caregivers; and
2. more facilities where clients reside are restricting access to only those who are vaccinated.

So is now the time to implement a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination program or deploy incentives as part of a voluntary vaccination program? This question is particularly timely given that on Friday, May 28, the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) issued updated guidance on vaccination programs (spoiler alert: you can provide incentives to employees to voluntarily provide documentation or other confirmation of receiving a vaccination).

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