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FEATURE ARTICLE

NAHC Summer Backyard Advocacy: Postcards for Home Care

There’s only two weeks left of the NAHC Backyard Advocacy Campaign, and we need your Voices, Hearts, and Action!

This week, as part of our Summer Backyard Advocacy efforts, NAHC is challenging you utilize the postal system and send a postcard to your elected officials’ home offices asking them to show their support for our key legislative priorities. Our caregivers are out on the front lines providing quality care and services to some of our nation’s most vulnerable and we need Congress to ensure the home care and hospice communities have all the support they need to continue to meet the growing demand for care delivered in the home.

NAHC has developed a Resource Guide to assist you in your efforts: POSTCARDS FOR HOME CARE
TOP STORIES

HHS Announces New Provider Fund Distribution & Grace Period for Reporting Obligations

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) announced it will accept applications from providers for new relief funds this week, as well education for providers to help navigate the application portal.

In addition, there will be a grace period for the reporting deadline of September 30, 2021 for Period 1 recipients of Provider Relief Funds (PRF).

New Distributions

On September 29, 2021, health care providers will be able to apply for $25.5 billion in relief funds, including $8.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) resources for providers who serve rural patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and $17 billion for Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 for a broad range of providers with changes in operating revenues and expenses. The application will be open for a period of four weeks. Providers must submit their completed application by the final deadline of October 26 at 11:59 p.m. ET.
Congress likely to scale back HCBS funding as part of budget compromise

Home- and community-based services are in the crosshairs as top Democrats look to pare down their ambitious healthcare proposals in the massive $3.5 trillion proposed budget. Politico reported late Monday that lawmakers are looking to dramatically scale back the Biden administration’s call for $400 billion for HCBS. That should not come as a huge surprise to the home care industry. As far back as July, National Association for Home Care & Hospice President William Dombi told McKnight’s Home Care Daily he said the amount allocated for HCBS in the Better Care Better Jobs Act was closer to $150 billion, an amount Dombi still saw as a positive investment.

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Seniors’ Desire to Age in Place Remains Overwhelmingly Popular

The COVID-19 emergency has only strengthened the desire seniors have to age in place — an already favorable position among older adults. In fact, over 90% of seniors prefer to remain in their homes as opposed to moving into an assisted living facility, a new survey from American Advisors Group (AAG) found.
“For seniors, the comfort, safety and independence of their home outweigh the desire to move,” Martin Lenoir, chief marketing officer at AAG, said in a press release.

A new sheriff in town, to home care’s dismay

**FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT**

There is no question that President Biden, from his politics to his style of governing, marks a major departure from his predecessor. At least one field, home care, is likely somewhat nostalgic for the previous administration.

Let’s be honest. In terms of pay and employment issues, the current president has not exactly been a friend of the program.

This week, the National Association for Home Care & Hospice held a webinar about the Department of Labor and how it is turning up the heat on home care companies for violating the Fair Labor Standards Act. Webinar presenter, attorney Angelo Spinola, painted a pretty grim picture.
Following OSHA COVID-19 safety rule will ‘help us down the road,’ home care expert says

It is in home care’s best interest to adhere to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s temporary standard related to COVID-19, an expert on the standard said Thursday.

“To have compliance with the standard is not only going to help us with the moment, but it’s going to help us down the road, especially with the long-haulers,” said Barbara Citarella, RN, a subject matter expert with RBC Limited Healthcare and Management Consultants, during a National Association for Home Care & Hospice webinar.

The standard, which was released in June, provides extensive rules regarding protecting healthcare workers where they might be exposed to COVID-10. These rules include everything regarding standard patient contact protocols, such a wearing personal protective equipment and ensuring proper ventilation, to creating workplace plans.

Webinar: Unleashing the Capabilities of MAOs to Deliver Health Innovation for Older Adults in Underserved Settings

- Thursday, October 7
- 2:30PM - 4:00PM ET
- REGISTER

As part of a broader partnership, CMMI, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) are jointly sponsoring a webinar titled, Unleashing the Capabilities of MAOs to
Deliver Health Innovation for Older Adults in Underserved Settings on October 7 from 2:30-4:00 PM ET to highlight the emerging, numerous opportunities for MAOs to support beneficiaries in more fully meeting their care needs and goals through novel approaches and services enabled by technology.

The webinar will provide an overview of the data supporting these opportunities and will include a panel of three speakers from payer organizations, each of whom will provide an overview of their experience and results in innovating in the use of technology to address unmet enrollee health needs.

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Home Care Training Summit on October 21

Home Care Pulse will hold the Home Care Training Summit on October 2021. In this free, full-day event, Home Care Pulse’s training experts—together with other top experts we’ve gathered from around the industry—will talk about the most important topics in training and give you the knowledge you need to use it as a competitive advantage.

The conference will address topics like:

- What’s changing in training, and what you can do to provide the best training around
How to use training programs to power caregiver recruitment and retention
How to get caregivers to embrace new training program.
Why training managers have one of the most important jobs in home care

Learn more about the 2021 Home Care Training Summit.

H3IT: IT Solutions for Home Care & Hospice

REGISTER
October 2, 2021
Online only

H3IT 2021, the Home Healthcare, Hospice, and Information Technology Conference, is the 8th annual international conference for all stakeholders interested in innovative approaches to improving quality of care and outcomes in home care. The program for this year’s online meeting includes cutting edge presentations, keynotes, and a panel.

Building upon the success of the first seven years, the conference provides an authoritative forum where evidence-based findings, information, and tools are communicated to achieve better health outcomes, quality of care, utilization of and access to care, and reduced care costs in home and hospice care settings. H3IT’s interdisciplinary and applied elements make the conference highly relevant to the patients, providers, payers, vendors, and governments.

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Creating a New Generation of Home Care Leaders with the NAHC Mentoring Program

The National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC) is pleased to announce the launch of a new membership benefit, the NAHC Mentoring Program. This program seeks to pair individuals at the early and middle growth stage of their careers with current established leaders of the home care and community-based service industry for a structured mentorship with the goal of fostering involvement and growth in the NAHC Community through:

- Networking
- Navigating Conferences
- Committee Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Advocacy Efforts

The NAHC Mentoring Program is a great new opportunity for up-and-coming industry professionals to learn how to navigate and excel in the Association and how best to use membership to benefit their career. For established industry veterans, the NAHC Mentoring Program is a great opportunity for established leaders to give back to the industry and lay a strong foundation for the next generation of home care and hospice executives.

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RESOURCES
The Human Experience 2020: Vision for the Future of Health Care - The Beryl Institute

Littler Operational Guidelines for the Home Care Industry Amid COVID 19 - Littler Mendelson, P.C.

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