

Long Term Care Discussion Group

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**BATTLING COVID-19:
SENIOR SERVICES IN HOME AND COMMUNITY
SETTINGS**

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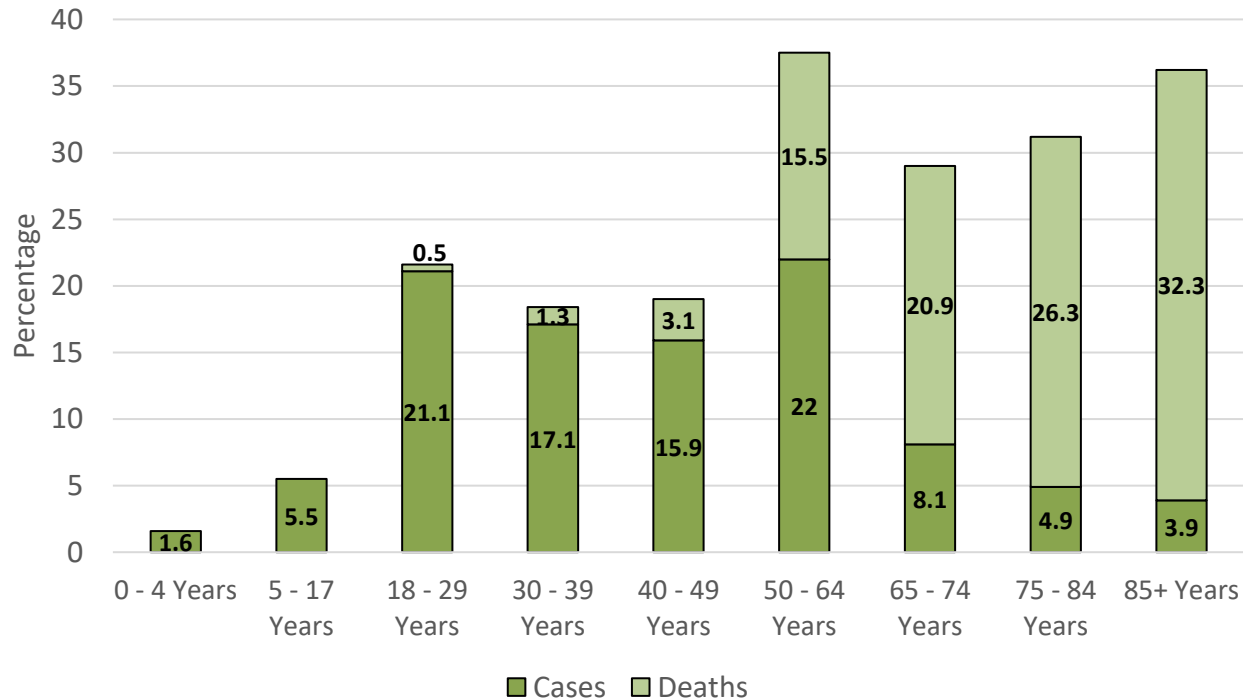


Agenda

- Introduction
 - COVID and older adults
 - Themes across home and community settings
- Services and Settings
 - Adult Day
 - PACE
 - Home Health
 - Hospice
- Policy Recommendations

COVID & Older Adults

Demographic Trends of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the US reported to CDC

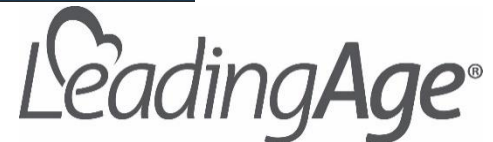
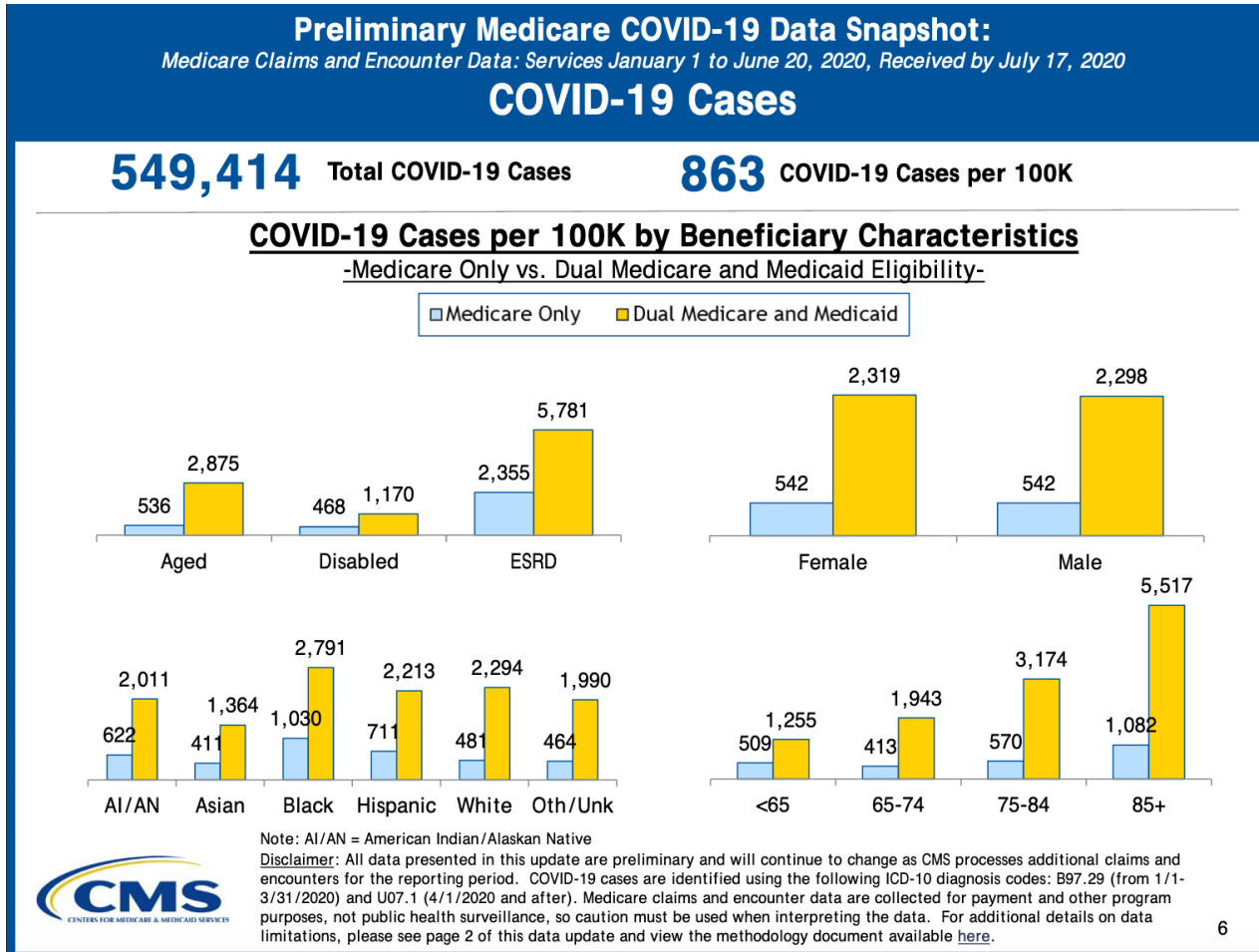


Note: Updated July 27, 2020 5:45 p.m.

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Preliminary Medicare COVID-19 Data Snapshot:

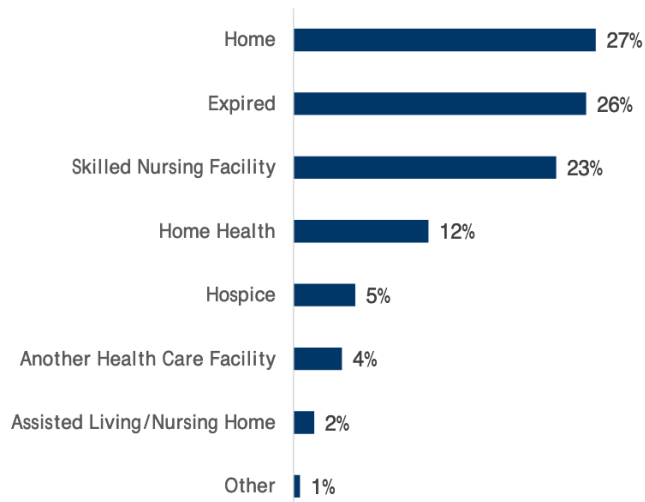
Medicare Claims and Encounter Data: Services January 1 to June 20, 2020, Received by July 17, 2020

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

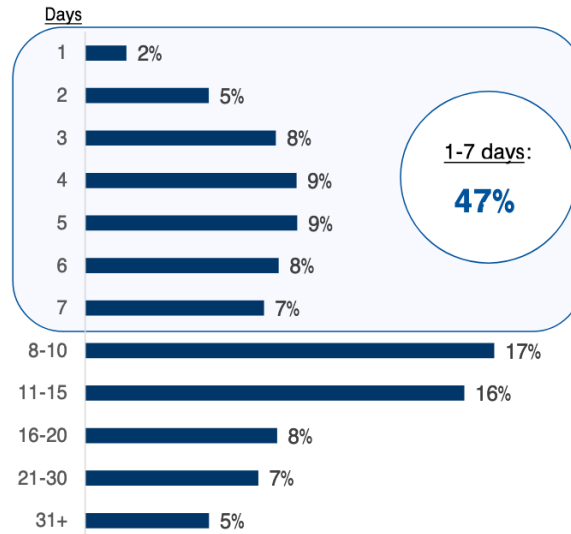
160,807 Total COVID-19 Hospitalizations

254 COVID-19 Hospitalizations per 100K

Percent of COVID-19 Hospitalizations by Discharge Status



Percent of COVID-19 Hospitalizations by Length of Stay



Note: Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.



Disclaimer: All data presented in this update are preliminary and will continue to change as CMS processes additional claims and encounters for the reporting period. COVID-19 hospitalizations are identified using the following ICD-10 diagnosis codes: B97.29 (from 1/1-3/31/2020) and U07.1 (4/1/2020 and after). Medicare claims and encounter data are collected for payment and other program purposes, not public health surveillance, so caution must be used when interpreting the data. For additional details on data limitations, please see page 2 of this data update and view the methodology document available [here](#).

COVID & Older Adults

- Reporting
- Nursing Homes
- Home and Community Based Services and Settings

Themes Across Home & Community Settings

- Closures
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Testing
- Workforce Issues
- Telehealth

SERVICES AND SETTINGS

Adult Day Services

Closures (mandated and voluntary)

- Immediate loss of revenue other providers didn't face.

Role of telehealth/remote services

- Revenue stream and service continuity, mixed reception

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- Retainer payments, patchwork effect

Adult Day Services continued

Small Business
Administration
Loans

- Lifeline for many, but not a long-term fix.

FMAP Increases

- Helpful depending on state action.

Provider Relief
Funds

- Potential limited access or small funding amount.

PACE

Closure of day centers

- Still get monthly rates and need to deliver services.

Use of telehealth

- Major source of services, key federal limits

Staffing/workforce

- Setting shift to home, contracting

PACE continued

Provider Relief Funds

Not presently included

Telehealth fix

Bill introduced in the House

Future

Will states want to invest?

Home Health Care

Trends

- Geographic variability
- Fear impacting services
- Staffing
- Access to PPE and testing
- Financial impact

Home Health/Home Care continued

Referrals

- In flux, unpredictable

Admissions

- Challenges with orders

Services

- Less flexibility to deliver telehealth

Hospice

Trends

- Geographic variability
- Fear impacting services
- Staffing
- Access to PPE and testing
- Financial impact
- Relationships with other providers

Hospice continued

Referrals

- In flux, unpredictable
- Interface with residential long term care

Services

- Interface with residential long term care
- Use of telehealth

RECOMMENDATIONS

Policy Recommendations

1



PPE

Immediate access to ample and appropriate PPE for all providers who serve older Americans.

2



Testing

On-demand and fully-funded access to accurate and rapid-results testing.

3



Safe Reopening

Assurance that states will consider older Americans' health and safety as they reopen.

4



Funding

Funding and support for aging services providers across the continuum of care.

5



Frontline Workers

Ensure pandemic hero pay, paid sick leave, and health care coverage to recognize the heroic frontline workers who are risking their own lives serving older people during this crisis.

QUESTIONS

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