



Administration for Community Living  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Medicare Updates and Coverage Information**

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## **Our Mission**

Maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities, and their families and caregivers

## **Our Vision**

All people, regardless of age and disability, live with dignity, make their own choices, and participate fully in society



# ACL Cultural Competency Guide

- New ACL resource for beneficiary and ombudsman counseling programs to help with cultural competency
  - Link here:  
<https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/programs/2022-08/Cultural%20Competency%20Resource%20Guide%20July%202022.docx>

# ACL Updates-1557

- **1557 Comments Open:** The HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is [now accepting comments](#) on a proposed rule implementing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA),
  - Rule prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in covered health programs and activities.
  - Comments close **October 3**

# ACL Updates-Long COVID

- Two new HHS reports on Long COVID:
  - [The Services and Supports for Longer-Term Impacts of COVID-19 Report \(Services Report\)](#)
  - [The National Research Action Plan on Long COVID \(the Research Plan\)](#)

# ACL Updates-SMP

- New SMP promotional materials in multiple languages:
  - Tips for Beneficiaries (Spanish):  
<https://youtu.be/WWKe1O38nek>
  - Tips for Families and Caregivers (Spanish):  
<https://youtu.be/v2UoR5KsDHA>
  - Tips for Beneficiaries (Mandarin):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuS5iE2TKj4>

# ACL Resources

- ACL: <https://www.acl.gov/>
- ACL Information for Current Grantees:  
<https://www.acl.gov/grants/managing-grant>
- AGID: <https://www.agid.acl.gov/>

Complete list of ACL-funded Resource Centers at  
<https://www.acl.gov/node/495>



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# Questions?

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