



June 8, 2021

FDA Approves Drug for Alzheimer's

Exciting news!! The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the use of aducanumab for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. This is the first FDA-approved treatment for the underlying biology of Alzheimer's, not just the symptoms. Biogen and Eisai announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted accelerated approval for ADUHELM™ (aducanumab-avwa) as the first and only treatment for Alzheimer's disease to reduce the accumulation of amyloid-beta plaques in the brain, a core underlying pathology of the disease. Under this pathway, continued approval for ADUHELM's indication as a treatment for Alzheimer's disease may be contingent upon verification of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial. Additional information can be found at [FDA Grants Accelerated Approval for Alzheimer's Drug | FDA](#).

Biogen's press release, can be found <https://investors.biogen.com/news-releases/news-release-details/fda-grants-accelerated-approval-aduhelmtm-first-and-only>.

FEMA on Scams

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management) warns consumers that there are several types of scams and all have the main goals of getting your money and accessing your personal information. The most prevalent scams are Imposter Scams and On-Line Shopping Scams. Go to www.consumer.ftc.gov or www.consumer.gov for more information. You can also bulk order information at www.bulkorder.ftc.gov.

Senior Medicare Patrol Helps Medicare Beneficiaries

[Senior Medicare Patrols](#) assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers with health care fraud, errors, and abuse. Medicare beneficiaries need to compare Medicare Summary Notices with their supplemental insurance regarding billing dates, procedures, approvals, and other treatment data. All states have Senior Medicare Patrols.

Emergency Broad Band Benefit Program

Information is attached on the [EBB Program](#). Please share with your friends, consumers, and colleagues. Financial assistance is available for those who meet guidelines.

Vaccinations

Get information on vaccine availability at Vaccines.gov - [Find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you](#).

For information on the vaccine, go to [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#).

For information on vaccination incentives, go to Vaccines.gov - [Incentives](#).

The National Caregivers Library

This resource offers information for caregivers that includes check lists on driving assessment, caregiver wellness, and more; articles on legal concerns, real estate concerns, advance directives and more; and forms on medication, safety assessments and many more. There is a section of resources on Faith and Spirituality also. Check out the [National Caregivers Library](#) website.



FEMA Offers Webinar on Pet Preparedness

Planning for Your Pets, Assistance and Service Animals in an Emergency will be presented on Wednesday, June 9th at 2:00 PM– 3:00 PM ET. The Region 2 National Preparedness Division will hold a pet preparedness month webinar on how to plan for your assistance, service animals and pets in an emergency. Pet owners and those who use assistance or service animals should attend. Registration: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/petprep6_21/event/registration.html

State Health Insurance Assistance Programs

All states have programs to help Medicare beneficiaries and those who are eligible for Medicare with free counseling. A [brochure](#) is available on the program. Look for your state's counselor [here](#).

2021 WV Senior Resource Guide

The Resource Guide was produced by the WV Bureau of Senior Services and the WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging. The Guide is available on the [WV SHIP website](#).

Belmont County OH Adult Services Coalition

The BC ASC does not meet in July. We will (hopefully) have our picnic on August 5. Information will follow when details are finalized. For information on the Belmont County Adult Services Coalition, contact Ann at akoegler1995@gmail.com.

New Belmont County Veterans Service Office Opens

The main office is now located at 400 Imperial Plaza, Bellaire OH 43906. The phone number is 740 325-1042. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Farmer's Markets

Farmer's Markets are open in WV and Ohio. Here are a few of our local markets. There are many more!
Ohio Valley Farmers Market –

Ohio Valley Mall, St Clairsville OH between Panera's and Chick-fil-A, Thursday, 4pm – 7pm,
Bellaire, parking lot off Union Street, Saturday, 9am – 12noon

Wheeling Farmers Market – St Michael Angelus parking lot, Saturday, 9am – 12noon

Warwood Farmers Market – Garden Park, Tuesday, 4pm – 7pm

Wheeling Soup Kitchen

The Wheeling Soup Kitchen is once again providing dine in meals. They are open Monday – Friday from 11am – 1pm.

Health Literacy Webinar for Seniors

Our Ohio County Family Resource Network shared an opportunity for Seniors, Caregivers, or Grand-Families to learn about Health Literacy. This training is to help them learn more about advocating for themselves with medical providers and proper medication tracking. Please encourage your family to register and help them if needed. It is a necessity for us to be able to advocate for our own health care! The Eventbrite link is below.

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mg2EohhaQP-DUXI-yyrBpw



Timely Resources

Check out these Timely Resources

Our consumers may be eligible for different benefits from different resources.

- [United Mine Workers Health & Retirement Funds](#) offers various benefits to eligible beneficiaries.
- [Veteran's Administration](#) has many benefits for our military, veterans, and their families.
- [Local Lion's Clubs](#) often provide assistance for eye exams, glasses, or hearing aids.
- Prescription assistance is often available for people who can't afford their medications. One site that may help consumers locate assistance is [NeedyMeds](#). Another resource is [RxAssist](#).
- Don't forget about the [Medicare Savings Programs](#) for Medicare beneficiaries with limited incomes and resources.

Need Housing?

Independent

*Clara Welty Apartments, Bertha Welty Apartments, Braddock Apartments – Wheeling. Contact Betty Toland at 304 242-5820.

*Mark H. Kennedy Park – St Clairsville. Contact Charlene Moffo at 740 695-7275.

*G.W. Petroplus Towers – Wheeling. Contact Marsha Korn at 304 242-7509.

Assisted

*Country Club Rehabilitation Campus IV – Bellaire. Contact Michael Vok at 740 676-2300 or marketing@ccrciv.com

*The Welty Home – Wheeling. Contact Tess Gaudino at 304 242-5233 or tgaudino@weltyhome.org.

*Westwood Senior Living – Woodsfield. Contact Jennifer Fawson at jfawson@enlivant.com

Nursing home care

Long term / skilled

*Country Club Rehabilitation Campus IV – Bellaire. Contact Michael Vok at 740 676-2300 or marketing@ccrciv.com

*Good Shepherd Nursing Home – Wheeling. Contact Tawnya Pyles at 304 242-1093 or tpyles@weltyhome.org.

Positions Available

There are jobs available in several areas. Jobs are open at restaurants, gas stations, retail, parks and resorts, home care, health care....many disciplines are hiring.

Here are some openings in health & human services that our colleagues have noted.

**Amedisys Hospice* – Social work. Contact Amy Elliott at amy.elliott@amedisys.com

**Belmont County Veterans Service* – Van drivers. Application available on the webpage at www.belmontcountyveterans.org.

**CARE Funeral & Cremation Specialists* – Positions available. Contact Sarah Barickman at sbarickman@Carechapel.com

**Family Service – Upper Ohio Valley* – In home caregivers, home delivered meal drivers. Contact Paula Calvert at pcalvert@fsuov.com

**Good Shepherd Nursing Home* – RNs, LPNs, CNAs. Contact Randy Forzano at rforzano@weltyhome.org

**IC Care* – Experienced caregivers. Contact Tate Blanchard at tblanchard@icare.com

**Interim Healthcare* – RNs. Contact Karen Craig at kcraig@interim-health.com

**Visiting Angels* – In home caregivers. Contact Melissa Evick at mevick@visitingangels.com



Timely Resources

Altenheim Retirement Community

Altenheim Retirement Community
130 years of housing for older adults
1891-2021

Offering 8 independent cottages for women, men, and couples who are 65 and older.
Two bedroom, two bath, living room, kitchen room, dining room
Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, washer and dryer are included.
Lawn care, snow removal, general maintenance, general repairs included in monthly rent.
Utilities are not included.

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Altenheim Resource Services

Altenheim Resource Services, a division of Altenheim Retirement Community

Offering information on aging, services and resources for older adults and caregivers for over 25 years
Free & confidential information

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<https://www.altenheimcommunity.com>

Information on Altenheim, calendar of events, blog, and a photo gallery

Contact us at 304 280-8701 with questions about resources and issues concerning older adults and caregiving.

