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Good morning -

We wanted to make you aware of additional information that CMS sent out this morning about its Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP). We shared with you in July that HHS will invest over \$100 million in technical support to help states in their efforts to improve health, improve care and decrease costs for their Medicaid beneficiaries.

The IAP will help identify and advance new models; assist states with data analytics; help improve quality measurement; and facilitate State to state learning, rapid-cycle improvement, and federal evaluation. CMS will undertake these activities by selected three or four 'focus areas'; the first of which is Substance Use Disorders. CMS is holding stakeholder engagement sessions around the country to get feedback before selecting the other two or three focus areas; they've held two thus far in Denver and Baltimore earlier this month. In order to provide an opportunity for CMS to hear from the aging and disability community, NASUAD hosted a listening session last Wednesday morning as part of the HCBS conference and made our case for LTSS as a focus area.

This morning's information bulletin includes new commentary from CMCS Chief Medical Officer, Steven Cha, as well as an IAP Fact Sheet (attached). The fact sheet pulls together expenditure, diagnostic and enrollment data on Medicaid beneficiaries that you may find useful. You can find Dr. Cha's commentary here: <http://www.medicaid.gov/State-Resource-Center/Innovation-Accelerator-Program/CMS-Commentary.html>.

Finally, CMS announced a webinar hosted by CMS' State Data Resource Center (SDRC) **this Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm Eastern** on "Using Medicare Data for Program Integrity and Care Coordination Activities". The SDRC will define program integrity, describe acceptable and non-acceptable data uses and review the data request process. Additionally, reporting requirements and downstream users will be discussed. The presentation will conclude with a review of the care coordination data use and the SDRC services. A brief Q & A session will follow the presentation. For more information on the webinar, **please contact SDRC via the support line (888) 805-5228 or email [sdrc@acumenllc.com](mailto:sdrc@acumenllc.com)**.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

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