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### HCBS Call for Sessions is Now Open!

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is pleased to announce the Call for Sessions for the 2017 National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference, August 28- August 31, 2017 in Baltimore, MD.

The **HCBS Conference** has become the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of home and community based services. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this important event. The conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Proposals are currently being accepted for one hour and fifteen minute workshops.

Submissions are expected to be descriptive and engaging. We encourage you to consider bringing a panel of partners together and using exciting and engaging ways of presenting your materials. The **Call for Sessions** for the 2017 HCBS Conference will close on **March 3, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to submit a proposal.

### I&R Center Webinar: Helping People Access Home and Community Based Services

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on Helping People Access Home and Community Based Services: Migrating, Coding, Storing, and Searching for Data in Minnesotahelp.info. Effectively managing data to support individuals' access to community resource information and needed services is a challenge shared by many information and referral/assistance programs. Join this webinar to hear how Minnesota's aging and disability network approached this challenge through development and maintenance of MinnesotaHelp.info. Our speakers will share information and lessons learned from over 16 years of experience with data management, maintenance, and sharing. Presenters for this webinar will be Krista Boston, Director, Consumer Assistance Programs, Minnesota Board on Aging, and Bethany Hawley, Supervisor, Data Management Program, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**. Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar. Pre-registration is

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required and space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

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## Materials Now Available from I&R Center Benefits Webinar

The National I&R Support Center hosted a webinar on Helping Connect Individuals to Benefits: Approaches, Tools, and Promising Practices on January 24. A recording of the webinar, the slides, and a transcript of the captions are now available. In this webinar, the National Council on Aging (NCOA) presented findings from a recent study on how stigma affects perceptions of these programs, and results from a national survey of what messages can effectively counter stigma. Participants also saw how NCOA's newly redesigned online screening tool, BenefitsCheckUp®, can assist with identifying benefits. The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) presented information about the current outreach campaign to individuals with disabilities that may be eligible for financial assistance through the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) and Low Income Subsidies (LIS). Participants also learned about promising practices for providing outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries to increase enrollment in Medicare savings programs. Presenters for this webinar were Brandy Bauer, Communications Manager, Center for Benefits Access, National Council on Aging and Linda Nakagawa, Policy Analyst, NASUAD.

[Click here](#) to view the webinar materials.

## HCBS Clearinghouse

*This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit [www.nasuad.org/hcbs](http://www.nasuad.org/hcbs) for more information.*

## Medicaid & CHIP Eligibility & Enrollment Data Report

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for November 2016 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. States provide data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility, and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

## From the Administration



## Administration for Community Living

### Webinar: TIM Talks: Health IT and the Community Based Organization

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs (ONHPP), in collaboration with consultant Tim McNeill, is hosting a business acumen webinar on Health IT Interoperability and the Community Based Organization (CBO). This webinar will review the requirements for Health IT and clinical integration, physician requirements, options to consider when selecting a vendor, and preparation for compliance. As always, participants will also have an opportunity to ask any other Business Acumen related questions through the chat function after the webinar presentation. The event will take place on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m ET**. Pre-registration is required.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

### Webinar: Lewy Body Dementia: The Importance of Comprehensive Care & Support

The Administration for Community Living's National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center, in collaboration with the American Society on Aging, is hosting a webinar about Lewy Body dementia and the importance of comprehensive care and support. This webinar provides an overview of Lewy Body Dementia (LBD) and how it differs from Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's. Attendees will learn the symptoms of and treatments for LBD and how the disease affects caregivers. A person living with LBD will share first-hand experiences and compensatory strategies. Pre-registration is required for this event that will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET**. CEUs are available for attendees.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

### Webinar: Applying Promising Practices to Advance Care of Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees with Dementia

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO), in collaboration with The Lewin Group and Community Catalyst, are hosting a webinar about applying promising practices to advance care of Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with dementia. The care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias presents unique challenges to all settings of the health care delivery system. This webinar will emphasize: 1) Presentation of the business case for a

dementia capable delivery model of care; 2) Review of key components of an effective care model (e.g., identification and screening for a high-risk population of beneficiaries and caregivers, workforce preparation, and collaboration with community-based organizations for caregiver assessment and support); and 3) Interventions implemented within two Medicare-Medicaid financial alignment model demonstrations.

This webinar is intended for interested leadership within health plan and PACE organizations, including directors of medical care, care management and/or long-term services and supports. It will take place on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Department of Education

### A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities

The Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) created a transition guide to advance their efforts in ensuring that all students and youth with disabilities are equipped with the skills and knowledge to be engaged in the 21st Century workforce. In doing so, OSERS recognizes the significance of collaborative partnerships and hopes that the information in this guide will assist families and their students and youth with disabilities in developing and pursuing their goals for adult life.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

## From Congress

### Lawmakers Work to Develop ACA Replacement Strategies

This week, Republican lawmakers gathered in Philadelphia to work on several legislative issues including developing a health care strategy. Republicans have begun legislative maneuvers that will enable them to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) with a simple majority, thereby not needing any Democratic support.

The majority party has not yet provided specifics about their replacement plans, and continue discussing options at the meeting. On Thursday, President Trump provided some high level thoughts, including the likely inclusion of health savings accounts (HSA) coupled with high deductible health plans (HDHP) in the ACA replacement. Other ideas under discussion include the use of high risk pools as an option for individuals with pre-existing conditions.

Earlier in the week, a group of Republican Senators released a separate replacement proposal. The proposal would allow states to select from three options, including keeping the ACA intact; using Federal money that would have been spent on ACA to implement a system of HSA/HDHP coverage; or implementing a

state-only solution without any Federal funding. Leaders in Congress have not yet opined on the legislation and whether it is a viable option for replacement. Meanwhile, other discussions surrounding potential replacement bills are ongoing. The issue is likely to remain on the forefront of Congressional activity as Republicans work to finalize repeal and replacement plans over the next several months.

[Click here](#) to view information about the proposed ACA replacement bill.

## From the White House

### **Trump Administration Enacts Several Policies in First Week**

During the first week of his administration, President Trump signed a number of executive orders enacting sweeping changes to the Federal government. Most significantly to health and human services programs, the President directed agencies to seek ways to limit the impact of the Affordable Care Act, implemented a halt on new regulations, and enacted a Federal hiring freeze.

The order on ACA does not provide policy specifics, but instructs Federal agencies to seek authority within current law to provide waivers and exemptions that lessen the burden of ACA policies on a variety of health care entities, patients, and businesses. This order is intended to begin the transition away from ACA as Congress works to repeal the statute. The halt on regulations directs agency heads to refrain from sending new rules to the Federal Register until they have been reviewed by a new appointee. Additionally, agencies are directed to withdraw rules that were sent to the Federal register and not yet published, and delay the effective date of rules that were issued but not yet in effect. Lastly, the hiring freeze prevents Federal agencies from bringing in new staff for at least the next 90 days. During that period, the Office of Management and Budget is instructed to come up with a long-range plan to reduce the Federal workforce through attrition. The hiring freeze will end once the plan has been implemented.

[Click here](#) to view information about the hiring freeze.

[Click here](#) to view information about the ACA.

[Click here](#) to view information about the regulatory halt.

## From Other Organizations

### **AARP Public Policy Institute**

#### **Materials Now Available From Family Caregiver & MLTSS Webinar**

The AARP Public Policy Institute held a webinar on family caregivers and managed long-term services and supports.

The video recording is now archived. Please watch this [recorded webinar](#) on AARP's newly released report, [Family Caregivers](#)



& Managed Long-Term Services and Supports. In the webinar, the authors discussed their findings and recommendations. They also highlighted practical tools and promising practices in this emerging field of addressing family needs in managed long-term services and supports.

[Click here](#) to view the materials.

## Alliance of Information & Referral Systems

### Call for Proposals Open for 2017 I&R Training & Education Conference

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has released the call for proposals for the 2017 Annual Information and Referral (I&R) Training and Education Conference. The conference is being held in Tampa, Florida, with pre-conference intensives on May 21 and the regular conference May 22-24, 2017. AIRS is seeking workshops addressing the breadth of I&R service delivery.

The Aging and Disability conference track offers a great opportunity to share developments and effective practices in serving older adults and persons with disabilities with I&R colleagues across the country. This track is coordinated by NASUAD's I&R Support Center, which strongly encourages aging and disability I&R agencies to review the call for proposals and consider a submission.

Topics such as family caregiving, mental health and substance abuse, disability across the lifespan, social determinants of health, cross-sector partnerships and collaboration (including ADRC and 2-1-1 partnerships), business acumen, partnering with health care entities, No Wrong Door system initiatives, ADRC funding and sustainability, use of new technologies in I&R, transportation, housing, and data collection and quality assurance are all examples of topics of interest in aging and disability I&R.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **February 10, 2017**. Send submissions for the Aging and Disability track to [Nanette Relave](#).

[Click here](#) to view the call for proposals.

[Click here](#) to view past presentation topics.

## Consumer Voice

### Webinar: A Deeper Dive into the Revised Federal Nursing Home Regulations

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care is hosting a webinar about the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) revised federal nursing home regulations. Experts from Justice in Aging, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, and Consumer voice will take a closer look at the following

sections of the revised regulations: Assessment, care planning & discharge planning; transfer-discharge; nursing services; and unnecessary and antipsychotic drugs. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**. Space is limited and pre-registration is required to attend this event.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Health Management Associates

### Webinar: Relationship-Centered Care

Health Management Associates (HMA) is hosting a webinar titled, Relationship-Centered Care: A Healthcare Provider's Guide to Patient Engagement, Shared Decision Making, and Improved Outcomes. This webinar will discuss relationship-centered care, a primary and behavioral care construct that emphasizes patient engagement and collaboration. Speakers for this webinar are Margaret Kirkegaard, MD, Family Physician, and Jeffrey Ring, PhD, Health Psychologist. This webinar is intended for primary and behavioral healthcare providers, state policy officials, office medical staff, health plan executives, hospital executives, and others involved in continuity of care initiatives. The event will take place on **Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Justice in Aging

### Legal Basics Webinar: Elder Abuse

Justice in Aging is hosting a legal basics webinar on the topic of elder abuse. The recent [White House Legal Aid report](#) highlighted a troubling finding: one in 10 older adults and close to 50% of people with dementia are victims of elder abuse. Legal and aging network services help communities prevent elder abuse and help victims of elder abuse access services and justice. Lori Stiegel, a nationally recognized expert on older adults and elder abuse, will present a [Legal Basics Webinar](#) to help legal and aging network professionals prevent elder abuse. During this training, Lori will provide a basic overview of legal protections, information attorneys and non-attorneys need to spot and report on elder abuse, and legal interventions to protect against elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Newer legal services attorneys, law students, aging and disability network professionals looking to understand the basic information about elder abuse are encouraged to attend. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Mathematica

## Webinar: The Promise of State Initiatives to Prevent Long-Term Work Disability

Mathematica's Center for Disability Policy is hosting a webinar about state initiatives that are used to prevent long-term work disability. Every year, millions of Americans suffer from medical conditions that affect their ability to work. This puts them at risk of losing their jobs or being forced to rely on Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). States could help many of these workers stay in their jobs, but promising options for doing this remain largely untested. The five states with state-mandated short-term disability benefits-California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island-are promising settings for such tests. During this webinar, a panel of experts from Mathematica, Sedgwick, and the state of California will discuss the promise of state-based systems from the perspectives of researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. The event will take place on **Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET**. Pre-registration is required for this webinar.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## National Disability Institute

### Webinar: A Deeper Look at Four New ABLE Programs

The National Disability Institute (NDI) is hosting a webinar focused on introducing participants to four of the most recent ABLE plans to launch. Moderated by Michael Morris, the Executive Director of the [National Disability Institute](#), the webinar will feature presentations from representatives on behalf of the [STABLE Kentucky Program](#), [Michigan's MiABLE Program](#), the [Oregon ABLE Savings Plan](#), and [Virginia's ABLEnow Program](#). The webinar will focus on various program characteristics including: Learning the enrollment process of each program; learning the fees associated with each program; learning the investment opportunities offered with each program; and identifying how those differences may affect which program best meets your specific needs. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**. Potential ABLE participants, their families, and all other ABLE stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Events

### AiA17 - The Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging

The American Society on Aging's (ASA) 2017 Aging in America Conference will take place in Chicago, March 20-24. Will you be there? The focus of AiA17 is innovation, including innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses, technologies, learning and more from across the field of aging. Register now to join this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary



professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults.

The Aging in America Conference is recognized for its 360-degree view of the multidisciplinary issues, challenges and opportunities in aging. In addition to programs organized within 11 professional program categories, our 2017 conference will feature several "conferences within the conference" that run each day throughout the week, including the Managed Care Academy series of programs. Don't miss this opportunity to network and learn from the experts on multiple topics and earn up to 26 CSA CEUs at no additional cost!

Register by **January 31, 2017**, and save 10%. Enter discount code NASUAD50 and save \$50 more!

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Moving Medicaid Data Forward, Forum 2: Medicaid Enrollment- Overview and Data Sources

Mathematica Policy Research is hosting a forum that will cover enrollment research on Medicaid for the second installment of the Moving Medicaid Data Forward forum series. The Affordable Care Act, the 2008 recession, and a continuing transition to community-based care are just a few of the events and circumstances that have impacted Medicaid over the past decade. Now, a new Congress and administration brings another discussion of major changes in Medicaid and health care as a whole. Where does Medicaid enrollment stand in the midst of these changes? What are the methods and data sources that are used to conduct research into the enrollment levels of different states and populations? Enrollment is a fundamental measure in Medicaid; changes in enrollment affect budgets, program administration, and ultimately health outcomes. Productive discussions of Medicaid policy are only possible through an understanding of enrollment research and available data. The forum will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET**. The forum will take place at Mathematica's Washington, DC, office and via webinar. A reception will follow immediately after the forum.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Registration Open: Annual Disability Statistics Compendium Release

Registration is now open for the State-of-the-Science Conference under the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC) will be held **February 13, 2017**, at the National Academy of Sciences Building in Washington DC. This conference, Disability Statistics: Lessons in Data Collection and Application to Policy and Practice, will discuss data collection strategies in the morning sessions and practical applications of disability data in the afternoon.

This year will feature a two-day event and combined the State of the Science conference with the release of the 2016 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium on February 14, 2017, also at the National Academies of Sciences Building. The Compendium is a web-based tool that pools disability statistics published by various federal agencies together in one

place. When working on legislative and other matters relating to persons with disabilities, the Compendium will make finding and using disability statistics easier. It will prove invaluable to your work.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Jobs & Internships

### **Mercer Seeks Medicaid LTSS Financial Consultant**

Mercer Government Human Services Consulting is seeking qualified candidates for an open position as a Medicaid LTSS Financial Consultant. The selected individual will be primarily responsible for leading/managing work projects with Mercer's government clients, mostly State Medicaid Agencies, on developing provider payment fees/rates for Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) such as home health care, residential services, personal assistance services and/or substance abuse services. The successful candidate must have prior relevant experience with provider payment methodologies for Medicaid LTSS, knowledge of Medicaid LTSS/HCBS policies, excellent communication skills and strong project management skills. This position can be located in Mercer's Atlanta, Minneapolis, Phoenix or Washington D.C. offices.

[Click here](#) to view the posting.

## Grant Opportunities

### **Two Grant Opportunities for Field Initiated Projects**

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitative Research (NIDILRR) announced two new grant opportunities under the Field Initiated Projects program. The purpose is to generate new knowledge through research or to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities. The two grants are intended to carry out research and development activity. The deadline for both grants is **February 8, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

### **Elder Justice Funding: Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders**

Under an Elder Justice Innovation Grant from the U.S. Administration on Community Living, the ABA Commission on Law and Aging, with the National Center for State Courts, has released a Request for Proposals to the highest court in each state to establish, expand and enhance state Working Interdisciplinary



Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS). This funding opportunity offers state courts up to \$20,000 to establish, enhance or expand WINGS (with special provision for up to \$30,000 for selected states with an intensive focus). In addition to funding, successful applicants will receive extensive expert technical assistance including help with strategic planning, outcome measurement, and data collection, as well as opportunities for information-sharing with other state WINGS.

The essence of WINGS is the partnership among state courts and stakeholders in the aging and elder justice, disability, legal, mental health, and guardianship networks. Your state chief justice and state court administrator has received the RFP and may be reaching out to stakeholder entities. Let the court know of your interest in working through WINGS to improve state guardianship systems, avoid unnecessary guardianship, and prevent and address abuse. The proposal deadline is **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**. ABA Commission on Law and Aging encourages you to connect with your state court about an application.

[Click here](#) to view details about the funding opportunity.

## Grant: Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation

The Administration for Community Living's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) announced a new grant opportunity, Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation Options for Individuals with Disabilities, under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRPP). The purpose of this grant is to further the applications of automated products and robotics to assist with transportation for people with disabilities and to improve the overall traveling chain to meet the needs of travelers with disabilities. All applications must be electronically submitted by **March 21, 2017**.

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