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## From NASUAD

### NASUAD Publishes Updated State Medicaid Integration Tracker

NASUAD has published the November 2016 Edition of the State Medicaid Integration Tracker. The State Medicaid Integration Tracker is a monthly report summarizing state actions in Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), as well as State Demonstrations to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals and other Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Initiatives.

The Tracker also includes updates on state participation in other LTSS activities, including: the Balancing Incentive Program; Medicaid State Plan Amendments under 1915(i); Community First Choice Option under 1915(k); and Medicaid Health Homes. This tracker includes new updates for each state that occurred during the most recent month.

[Click here](#) to view this month's Tracker.

[Click here](#) for comprehensive information on each state, as well as archived versions of the Tracker.

### NASUAD Releases 2016 Election Analysis Memorandum

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) compiled an election analysis memorandum following the November 8, 2016, general election. The memorandum summarizes the election results and the potential impact on health, human services, and long-term services and supports.

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

## 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.*

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## State Medicaid MLTSS Programs: Considerations for Contracting with Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans

The Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. released a technical assistance brief, funded through support by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, titled *State Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Programs: Considerations for Contracting with Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans*. "Many states are developing Medicaid managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) programs to provide high-quality, person-centered, and cost-effective care to eligible beneficiaries in the settings of their choice. Some of these states are also seeking to better integrate care for their beneficiaries who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid by contracting with Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs)."

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

## From the Administration

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### National Study of Long-Term Care Providers

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics is fielding the third wave of the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP). If you are the director or administrator of an adult day services center or assisted living/residential care community that receives a 2016 Adult Day Services Center Questionnaire or a 2016 Residential Care Community Questionnaire packet, please complete and submit the questionnaire online over a safe and secure network by **November 23**, or by mailing in a completed hardcopy version of the questionnaire that is included in the questionnaire packet. The questionnaires will take an average of 30 minutes to complete.

The biennial National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP), is a groundbreaking initiative to monitor trends in the major sectors of paid, regulated long-term care services providers. NSLTCP includes surveys of adult day services centers, home health agencies, hospices, nursing homes, and assisted living and similar residential care communities. This study will help policymakers, health care planners, and providers better understand, plan for, and serve the future long-term care needs of the older population and disabled young adults.

[Click here](#) for more information.



# Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

## RFI: Federal Government Interventions to Improve Access to HCBS

On Friday, November 4, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) placed a request for information (RFI) on display at the Federal Register that seeks information on ways to improve the provision of home and community based services (HCBS) in Medicaid. The RFI seeks information and feedback on a number of items, including:

- Additional reforms that could be made to accelerate the provision of HCBS in lieu of institutional care;
- Potential actions that could improve HCBS quality;
- Suggestions for ensuring program integrity; and
- Ways to improve workforce, including potential requirements around payment rates and wages.

CMS is seeking comments from stakeholders regarding ways to accelerate access to home and community based services.

[Click here](#) to view the RFI and submit comments.

## Medicare to Provide Coverage for Supports for Alzheimer's Patients

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced its final decision that starting in 2017 Medicare will pay for individual care plans to support Alzheimer's patients and their families. The move largely implements provisions of the Health Outcomes, Planning and Education (HOPE) for Alzheimer's Act authored by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, coauthored by Senator Susan Collins, Senator Ed Markey, and Senator Shelley Moore Capito, as well as being cosponsored by 54 additional Senators.

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

## Department of Justice

### Guidance Released on the Application of ADA and Olmstead to Employment

The Department of Justice released guidance regarding how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the *Olmstead v. L. C.* decision applies to employment services and settings. This guide discusses and explains the requirements of the ADA integration mandate and Olmstead as applied to employment service systems for individuals with disabilities. Additionally, the publication includes a Question & Answer section to provide information about the obligations of state and local governments.

The statement describes employment service systems as typically including services and supports that are available through multiple state agencies and funding streams, including vocational

rehabilitation, Medicaid, and educational (e.g., youth transition services) service systems. Employment service systems may include a range of service settings, including sheltered workshops; supported employment services provided in competitive, integrated employment; small group or enclave employment; facility-based day programs; and integrated day services provided in typical community settings.

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

## From Other Organizations

### National Academies of Sciences

#### **Workshop: Housing for Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, The Forum on Aging, Disability and Independence, and The Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities are hosting a public workshop on Affordable and Accessible Housing for Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities Living in the Community. This one-day public workshop will explore the role of housing as a social determinant of health for older adults and people with disabilities, particularly among people of color and low income groups. Subject matter experts will be invited to present and participate in discussions on topics surrounding the affordability, availability, and importance of housing for these populations. The workshop will take place on **Monday, December 12, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.** at the National Academy of Sciences Building.

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

### National Center on Elder Abuse

#### **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Fact Sheet**

The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), in collaboration with the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, has released a fact sheet on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP), a critical program and resource that provides unbiased individual and systems advocacy for residents of long-term care facilities. The fact sheet provides an overview of the LTCOP, the services it does and does not provide, and recommendations for additional resources as well as answers to FAQs.

[Click here](#) to view the fact sheet.

# Events

## Dignity Forum: Ensuring Economic Security as America Ages

Justice in Aging is hosting a special event in Washington, DC. Attendees will hear from three panels of academics, advocates, and direct service providers, who will share data and stories about their work with low-income older adults and offer policy recommendations to improve the health and economic security of this population. The event is free and will take place on **Tuesday, November 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m ET** at the Barbara Jordan Conference Center 1330 G Street, NW in Washington, DC.

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

# Jobs & Internships

## NASUAD Seeks Research Assistant/Communications Assistant

NASUAD is seeking a Research Assistant/Communications Assistant to assist with multiple grant and project deliverables. Responsibilities include assisting to create online trainings, member communications and surveys, website and social media updates, and research and analysis of legislation/policies.

The successful candidate will be a college graduate, and have strong written and oral communication skills and analytical capability. Knowledge of website and survey tools and an advanced understanding of Microsoft Excel is a plus.

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