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## From NASUAD

### I&R Center Webinar: An Introduction to Supported Decision-Making

The National I&R Support Center is hosting a webinar on Supported Decision-Making for I&R/A professionals. Supported Decision-Making is a way older adults and people with disabilities can make their own decisions, by receiving the help they need to do so. This webinar will discuss what Supported Decision-Making means in practical, everyday terms; why it is important; and how it is emerging in practice within the United States. Our presenter, Morgan Whitlatch, is Legal Director for the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities and Lead Project Director of the National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**. Pre-registration is required and we will be offering Real-time captioning for this webinar.

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

## 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.*

### Out-of-Network, Out-of-Pocket, Out-of-Options: The Unfulfilled Promise of Parity

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) published a report that examines the way health plans are handling parity for mental health treatment. NAMI conducted an online survey in 2015 with the main question being, "What do insurance beneficiaries experience when they seek mental health care?" Additionally, the report offers several recommendations regarding network adequacy, plan transparency, and covering out-of-network costs.

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# From the Administration

## Administration for Community Living

### ACL Releases New FAQs for Long- Term Care Ombudsman Program

Last week ACL released a list of new frequently asked questions (FAQs) that pertain to the implementation of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Final Rule, which became effective July 1, 2016. The new FAQs cover ombudsman authority to resolve complaints about the guardian or other representatives of a resident, conflicts of interest of supervisors, intake processes to handle inquiries, appropriateness of people conducting ombudsman program activities, ombudsman program staff with professional licensing requirements, and court orders to disclose ombudsman program information.

Of particular note for State agencies are the provisions pertaining to supervisory structure and conflict of interest. Specifically, ACL notes that it is not necessarily a conflict of interest for Ombudsman to report to a supervisor that supervises other agency staff with conflicting responsibilities, although States should work to the best of their ability to allow Ombudsman to fulfill his/her functions fully and to avoid situations in which conflicting oversight may impact LTC Ombudsman programs or services.

[Click here](#) to access the FAQs.

[Click here](#) to view the Final Rule.

## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

### Issue Brief: HIV Prevention & Care Delivery

Thursday, December 1, 2016, was recognized as World AIDS Day. In recognition, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) issued an Informational Bulletin to inform state Medicaid agencies about important advances in HIV prevention, care, and treatment that have occurred in the last five years. Additionally, the White House released a fact sheet in recognition of the day.

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

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



# Surgeon General

## Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health

The U.S. Surgeon General released a report titled, "Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health." While prior Surgeon General's reports have discussed substance use disorders in certain contexts, the new Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health is the first Surgeon General's Report to address substance use disorders and the wider range of health problems and consequences related to alcohol and drug misuse in the United States. This report explains the effects on the brain of alcohol and drugs and how misuse can become a disorder. It describes the evidence showing the effectiveness of prevention, treatment, and recovery policies and programs. The report also discusses opportunities to bring substance use disorder treatment and mainstream health care systems into alignment so that they can address a person's overall health. It also provides suggestions and recommendations for action that individuals, families, community leaders, law enforcement, health care professionals, policymakers, and researchers can take to prevent substance misuse and reduce its consequences.

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

## From Congress

### The House of Representatives

#### House Passes Major Prescription Drug Legislation with Medicaid and LTSS Provisions

On Wednesday, November 30th, the House of Representatives voted 392-26 to pass the "21st Century Cures Act," which would modernize the way that the Food and Drug Administration reviews and approves prescription drugs for use in the United States. The Cures legislation largely focuses on pharmaceuticals; however, the bill was combined with another piece of Legislation, The "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Reform Act of 2016," which includes some significant policies impacting Medicaid and LTSS. Notable provisions in the bill include:

- Requires Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) of Medicaid home health and personal care services, and reduces state FMAP for such services provided without EVV beginning in:
  - 2019 for personal care services; and
  - 2023 for home health services.
  - Allows children in inpatient psychiatric facilities (IMDs) to receive the full range of early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) services, effective in 2019;
  - Directs HHS to perform a study on Medicaid managed care and coverage of individuals in

- o institutions for mental diseases as allowed under the recent managed care final rule;
  - o Modifies the requirement limiting Medicaid durable medical equipment (DME) payments to the corresponding Medicare rate to become effective in 2018 instead of 2019;
  - o Increases and clarifies requirements for notification and exclusion of providers terminated in any state;
  - o Requires states to publish a fee-for-service provider directory on their website; and
  - o Modifies Medicaid supplemental needs trusts to allow individuals with disabilities under age 65 to establish their own trusts instead of requiring a parent, grandparent, legal guardian, or court to establish the trust.

The legislation will now go to the Senate, where it is expected to pass.

[Click here](#) to view more information.

## From the President-Elect

### The Trump Administration

#### Formal Announcements Made for HHS Secretary and CMS Administrator

Two important positions in the incoming Trump administration were formally announced on Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

Representative Tom Price (R-GA) will be nominated for the HHS Secretary position and Seema Verma will be put forward for Administrator of CMS.

Representative Price currently serves as Chairman of the House Committee on the Budget as well as being a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Rep. Price is a physician, having practiced as an orthopedic surgeon prior to his career in politics.

Price has been a fixture in conservative policy, including membership in the House Doctor and Tea Party Caucuses, as well as serving as the Chair of the Republican Study Committee in 2009-2010. Representative Price has introduced **comprehensive legislation** outlining his vision of an Affordable Care Act repeal and replace plan. The legislation proposed repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with tax credits and health savings accounts. Notably, his legislation also allows individuals to opt out of public programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, Tri-Care, in order to receive these tax credits. His role as HHS administrator signals that the Trump administration will likely work with congress to pursue significant changes to the ACA, Medicare, and Medicaid programs.

Seema Verma is a health care consultant based in Indiana and the founder of **SVC Consulting**. Ms. Verma has significant history and involvement with the Medicaid program, including playing a key role in developing several Medicaid 1115 demonstration waivers in Indiana, Michigan, and Iowa. Ms. Verma has also worked with Indiana around several LTSS and disability-related issues,

including the development of a 1915(i) proposal; the transition from 209(b) to 1634 eligibility determination processes (ie: from a state-determined methodology to having Social Security perform disability-related Medicaid determinations); and working on a comprehensive assessment and recommendations around the LTSS delivery system in Indiana.

## From Other Organizations

### 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.

### Alzheimer's Association

#### Webinar: Memory Loss and the Public Health Burden

The Alzheimer's Association is hosting a webinar on memory loss and the public health burden, specifically sharing results from the 2015 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). The



webinar will feature the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's** new analysis of data from 35 states and territories (the largest group ever to use the Cognitive Module in a single year) and discuss the implications of the findings from the public health perspective. Presenters from the CDC and the Colorado Department of Public Health will share insights into the results of the BRFSS. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, December 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## American Institutes for Research

### Webinar: Integrating Health & Community Supports for Aging in Place

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) is hosting a webinar about integrating health and community supports for aging in place. The Baby Boomers and future generations may see unprecedented longevity. How will our communities and institutions change to accommodate this seismic trend? Most older adults want to age in their own homes in the communities of their choice, with supports needed to do so. But are these community support services available to meet these wishes, promote healthy aging and possibly save health care dollars? How will we pay for them? What are promising models for aging in place? What kinds of policy and financial investments are needed to support healthy aging in place? Speakers for the webinar include: Marilyn Moon, AIR Senior Vice President, Director AIR Center on Aging; Shannah Koss, AIR consultant, President, Koss on Care; co-founder: Connected Health Resources ; Nora Super, Chief, Program and Services, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; and Len Fishman, Director, Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, December 15, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## American Society on Aging

### Webinar: Hospital to Home Preparation for Seniors

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting a webinar about the preparation necessary when an older adult is moving from the hospital and back into their home. The costs of hospital readmissions-physical, financial, and emotional-are staggering. If you have a client who is about to return home from a hospital stay, or are a caregiver to an older adult in this situation, this web seminar will help to avoid unnecessary readmissions through preparing the home (and yourself) for the older adult's return. Crucial aspects on what to expect the first day-and the first month-after they return home will also be detailed. The presenter for this webinar is Lakelyn Hogan, Caregiver Advocate, Home Instead Senior Care. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, December 7, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## Webinar: Understanding Parkinson's: Tips for Disease Management

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting a webinar that will offer tips for management of Parkinson's. Parkinson's disease is the second-most common neurodegenerative illness after Alzheimer's disease. With the burgeoning aging population, it is imperative that social workers, nurses, case managers and discharge planners appreciate the nuances of this chronic illness so they can advocate for the appropriate management of their Parkinson's patients. The heterogeneity of the Parkinson's population necessitates keen assessment skills in order to address individual differences in disease presentation and devise the best management plan. This web seminar will review the basics of Parkinson's disease and the atypical Parkinsonism, pharmacological and surgical treatment strategies, the role of the allied team, the disease trajectory and the need for a comprehensive, individualized, management plan. The presenter for this webinar will be Becky Dunlop from the National Parkinson's Foundation Center of Excellence. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, December 8, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## Amputee Coalition

### Amputee Coalition 2017 National Conference Call for Presentations

The Amputee Coalition invites professionals and individuals interested in presenting at the 2017 conference to submit an abstract for consideration. Deadline for submissions is **December 15, 2016**. Educational sessions at the Coalition's National Conference typically last for one hour and are often focused on areas like adjustment to limb loss, topics of interest to specific segments of the limb loss community like pediatric or upper limb loss, or things like returning to the workforce. If you are interested in sharing product information, there will be an opportunity for a Technology Presentation. Please use the online form to submit your abstract and presenter information and to browse a full list of suggested topics.

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

## ANCOR

### 2017 ANCOR Annual Conference -- Call for Sessions

ANCOR invites providers, self-advocates, policymakers, business partners, and researchers to submit session proposals for the 2017 ANCOR Conference scheduled for May 1-3, 2017 at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio, Texas.

In 2017, providers will be contending not only with the

implementation of the Department of Labor Overtime Exemption Rule, compliance with HCBS State Transition Plans, and the challenge of the ongoing workforce crisis, but will also have to prepare for changes that a new President and Administration could bring.

With all of these changes, it is more important than ever to gather and network with peers and allies to share lessons learned, best practices, innovative tools, latest findings, and outside-the-box thinking as the I/DD community prepares to face these challenges together. The last day to submit a proposal is **TODAY, Friday, December 2, 2016.**

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

## Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities

### Save the Date: 27th Annual Aging with Developmental Disabilities Conference

The Association on Aging with Disabilities (AADD) is hosting their 27th Annual Aging with Developmental Disabilities Conference at the St. Charles Convention Center in Missouri.

Sessions are designed to support caregivers and professionals in enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities who are aging. The event will be held from May 22-23, 2017 with registration details to soon follow.

## Institute on Disability/ UCED at the University of New Hampshire

### 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.



# National Council on Independent Living

## Webinar: Medicaid Advocacy 101 Part III: LTSS Reforms & Landscape

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) is hosting the third webinar about long-term services and supports (LTSS) reforms and landscape. LTSS Reforms and Landscape is the third in a four part webinar series designed for emerging leaders in Medicaid advocacy. Presenters will look at the foundational elements of the Medicaid program and how states adjust and differ in their programmatic design. Presenters will include individuals with State, Federal, Health Plan and CIL experience. Participants will be enhance their ability to shape the Medicaid environment in their state by deepening their understanding of the Medicaid program, emerging policy, avenues for influence and opportunities for collaboration. This webinar series is offered through a joint project between National Council on Independent Living and United Healthcare. Pre-registration is required, it is free for NCIL members and \$25 for non-members. The webinar will take place on **Monday, December 12, 2016, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

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

## RespectAbility

## Webinar: Disability & Criminal Justice Reform

RespectAbility is hosting a webinar about the intersection between criminal justice and disability issues. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 32 percent of federal prisoners and 40 percent of people in jail have at least one disability. Using such sources and limited data, RespectAbility estimates that more than 750,000 people with disabilities are behind bars in America. As leaders, advocates and legislators think about the road ahead into 2017, criminal justice reform remains a significant issue impacting our nation. Learn from the personal experiences of a returning citizen about what needs to change and from a corrections professional about how to add the disability lens to the national conversation. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

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

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

## Events

## 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.

## Jobs & Internships

### Comprehensive Care Connections Seeks Executive Director

Comprehensive Care Connections (C3) is seeking a high-caliber Executive Director with keen insight into the future intersection of the medical clinical model and social supports model in health care systems. C3 is a newly formed innovative collaboration model capitalizing upon AAAs 40-plus years of experience in delivering a full range of aging services to provide broader geographic reach, additional operational capabilities, and efficiencies necessary to contract with and provide community aging and disability services to MCOs and their members. For further information email a request to [humanresources@blairsenior.org](mailto:humanresources@blairsenior.org).

### Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation Seeks 2017 Public Policy Fellows

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is seeking exemplary professionals, and/or persons experiencing disability and/or family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are currently working or volunteering in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Each year the Foundation brings talented and accomplished professionals, family members (many of whom are both professionals and family members) and persons experiencing disability, particular people with intellectual disability, to Washington, D.C. for a full year where they actively participate in public policy development in the offices of a Member of Congress, Congressional committees, or federal agencies. Former Public Policy Fellows describe the Fellowship as a major turning point in their professional and personal lives. The experience is a unique chance to understand the intersection of public policy, disability advocacy, and the political process.

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



## CFPB Seeks Deputy Assistant Director for the Office for Older Americans

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Financial Protection for Older Americans. The deputy assistant director is responsible for leading a small, dedicated, and experienced team to develop and implement initiatives that address the specific consumer financial protection and financial education needs of older adults, their families, and their caregivers, providing a public voice for the Bureau's efforts on behalf of the older adults, and setting an organizational tone and direction, and engage closely with inside the Division and across the CFPB. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to [jobs@cfpb.gov](mailto:jobs@cfpb.gov).

[Click here](#) to view the job 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**.

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