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## From NASUAD

### State Medicaid Integration Tracker: December 2016 Edition

NASUAD has published the [December 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 the tracker.

[Click here](#) to view comprehensive information for each state.

### Webinar: Medicaid Managed Care for Long-Term Care Ombudsman

In Medicaid, managed care is a form of health care delivery and financing that aims to better manage cost, coordinate care, and improve quality. Managed care involves contracts between state Medicaid agencies and private managed care organizations, or MCOs, that are responsible for the delivery and coordination of services to beneficiaries. MCOs receive a capitated per-member per-month (PMPM) payment to cover the costs of these health care services. Over the past decade, state agencies have implemented managed care in increasing numbers, with total U.S. enrollment in Medicaid managed care reaching 55 million in 2014.

A significant amount of the recent managed care growth has focused on including long-term services and supports (LTSS). The rapid expansion of Managed LTSS has implications regarding the health care and social services provided to older adults and people with disabilities living in institutional settings and other LTSS facilities such as assisted living.

This webinar will cover basic information about the current status and future directions of state Medicaid Managed LTSS programs;

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key policy and operational considerations for professionals working with older adults enrolled in these programs; and future directions for these programs. The webinar will feature Damon Terzaghi, NASUAD's Senior Director for Medicaid Policy and Planning. The webinar will take place on **January 11, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[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.*

### Implementing Food Security Screening and Referral for Older Patients in Primary Care

The AARP Foundation and IMPAQ International published a resource guide and toolkit regarding the implementation of food security screening and referral for older adults. This resource guide seeks to address some of the challenges of incorporating food security screening and referrals in primary care settings serving older adult patients. Intended for use by health care systems, clinics, and accountable care organizations, the guide synthesizes findings from case studies conducted with health systems that have incorporated food security screening and referral and an environmental scan identifying implementation strategies and methods for screening and referral.

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

## From the Administration

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### CDC Seeks Participants for the NSLTCP Study

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics has launched the third wave of the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP), a biennial national study of the major sectors of paid, regulated providers of long-term care services. This data collection effort includes a representative sample of assisted living and similar residential care communities across the country. Your assisted living or residential care community may be one of them. Data collection started in August 2016 and will continue through February 2017. Residential care operators, managers, administrators or directors are asked to provide information



about their residential care community through a mail or web questionnaire that will take on average 30 minutes to complete. Since the third week of October, smaller residential care communities who did not respond by web or mail, have been given the option to complete the survey over the telephone. Since the end of November, larger residential care communities who had not responded via mail or web by November 23 have also been given that option. NSLTCP collects information about the characteristics of residential care providers, the services they offer, and their staffing; and the demographics, functional status and health of the residents they serve.

This information 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 adults.

While results from this survey, including state estimates, will be made publicly available, all data will be kept confidential and will be aggregated, so that the names of the residential care communities, staff, residents and respondents will not be identifiable. Participation is voluntary. The power of this survey depends on participation. If your residential care community is contacted, make your voice heard by participating in the study. NCHS has contracted with RTI International, an independent, nonprofit research organization, to collect 2016 NSLTCP data. If you have questions about completing the questionnaire, or received a questionnaire packet in the mail but no longer have it or cannot find it, please contact the NSLTCP Help Desk today at 1-866-245-8078.

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

## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

### CMS Releases FAQs Regarding Unsafe Wandering or Exit-Seeking Behavior

On December 15, 2016, CMS released a set of FAQs that discuss strategies that are compliant with the HCBS Settings regulation and can be used to ensure the health and welfare of HCBS participants who are at risk of wandering. The long-awaited FAQs focus primarily on how person-centered planning should be used to identify appropriate restrictions while facilitating individualized activities, supports, and access to the community.

CMS reiterates the person-centered planning issues throughout the entire document. Other areas of emphasis include adequate staffing to allow for various activities in and outside HCBS settings, proper staff training to identify issues and promote person-centered responses, and the establishment of programs and environments that engage participants, reduce overstimulation, and promote overall beneficiary wellness.

The FAQs address a number of important policy and operational considerations that HCBS providers should address when providing services to individuals with wandering behaviors or who are at risk of wandering.

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

# From Congress

## Senate & House of Representatives

### **Bicameral Leaders Send Letter to CMS Questioning Medicaid Expansion Spending**

On December 19, 2016, bicameral leaders sent a letter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Acting Administrator, Andy Slavitt regarding CMS' approach to Medicaid expansion policies. The letter was signed by Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy (R-PA), Subcommittee on Health Chairman Joseph Pitts (R-PA), and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT). The purpose of the letter is to determine, "whether or not CMS has been properly overseeing the integrity of federal expenditures for Medicaid expansion enrollees - raising questions about increased per capita spending for individuals enrolled in Medicaid expansions and the role of other federal programs."

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

# 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.

## Justice in Aging

### Webinar: Addressing Dementia Care in HCBS Settings

Justice in Aging is hosting a free webinar on the topic of addressing dementia care in HCBS settings. This webinar will present promising practices in HCBS delivery for settings supporting individuals living with dementia, with a special focus on strategies for addressing wandering or exit-seeking behaviors. The webinar will include a discussion of how the federal and state governments are addressing the provision of supports to individuals living with dementia in the process of bringing states into compliance with the 2014 federal HCBS regulations. The material presented will be useful for advocates, service providers, and others with an interest in HCBS and dementia care. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**.

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

## National Council on Aging

### NCOA Releases Newly Redesigned BenefitsCheckUp® Tool

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) has released a new and improved version of the BenefitsCheckUp® tool. It is a free web-based tool that can help older adults and caregivers to screen over 2,000 public and private benefits in their area. The redesign includes the ability to search for specific types of benefits. The tool has helped has more than 5 million people find more than \$16 billion in benefits.

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

## National Council on Independent Living

### Call for Proposals Open for 2017 Conference on Independent Living

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) has opened the call for proposals for their 2017 Annual Conference. The conference will be held at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC from July 24-27, 2017. This year's topic is "Revolution: The



Global Independent Living Movement." NCIL is seeking workshop proposals for various different tracks: International, youth, WIOA/ core-services; SILC, and general. NCIL's Annual Conference Subcommittee encourages conference workshops that seek to improve the skills and resources of staff to carry out the core services of CILs and operate strong SILCs. Please see [NCIL's Important Information for Presenters](#) for further details before planning your proposal. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, January 27, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view the proposal form.

[Click here](#) to view the proposal form in plain text.

## National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services

### Registration is Open for the Self Direction Conference

Registration is now open for the Self Direction Conference. The National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPPDS) has offered a biennial Financial Management Services (FMS) Conference for the past 10 years. With the NRCPPDS' move to Applied Self Direction, they are building on the successful FMS Conference to host a Self Direction Conference. The Self Direction Conference will be held on May 8th and 9th, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore, MD.

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

## Events

### 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

## **Justice in Aging Seeks Strategic Attorney or Policy Advocate**

Justice in Aging seeks a strategic attorney or policy advocate with five to ten years of health policy experience to join their Washington, D.C. office. Medicaid, Medicare and other essential health programs are under attack, and the work to protect these programs is more important than ever. The successful candidate will fight for Medicaid, Medicare and critical health care programs for low-income seniors by advocating with Congress and federal agencies. The attorney or policy advocate will work closely with their strong, respected, and effective health team to preserve the health care safety net for current seniors and generations to come. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Candidate review will begin on January 23, 2017.

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

## **Justice in Aging Seeks Litigation Director**

Justice in Aging seeks an outstanding attorney to lead their litigation to defend the nation's social safety net and expand the rights of older adults. The successful candidate will be responsible for crafting litigation strategy and setting priorities to preserve and expand the programs upon which America's seniors depend for health and economic security, including Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and Supplemental Security Income. The Litigation Director will lead an expanded litigation team dedicated to defending the rights of low-income seniors to access health and income benefits, to ameliorate and prevent poverty and homelessness among older Americans, and to ensure that the safety net is available to all without discrimination. The Litigation Director can be based in any of their three offices - Washington DC, Oakland or Los Angeles. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Candidate review will begin on January 23, 2017.

[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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