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NASUAD will be taking a brief hiatus from the Friday Update due to the holiday next week. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

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 for more information.

State Contracting with Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans: Issues and Options

The Integrated Care Resource Center published an issue brief about the issues and options that states have when contracting with Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans.

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The brief "analyzes D-SNP contracts in 13 states, including states that have made the most extensive use of D-SNP contracting by linking D-SNPs to Medicaid managed long-term services and supports programs. The tool summarizes how these states have developed those linkages and describes the specific care coordination and information-sharing requirements that the states have included in their D-SNP contracts. The D-SNP contracting approaches used by this diverse group of 13 states can provide guidance for states that have varying opportunities and resources for D-SNP contracting."

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

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.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS Releases Handbook on Medicaid Coordination of Benefits and Third Party Liability

On Thursday, November 17, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a handbook outlining Federal policies and state responsibilities regarding coordination of benefits and third party liability in Medicaid. This handbook deals with issues related to determining the payment source for covered Medicaid services. The Social Security Act requires that Medicaid programs serve as the "payer of last resort" when reimbursing providers for covered services. For practical application, these policies mean that Medicaid will not pay for an individual's health claims until all other available sources of payments have been pursued and exhausted. Other sources of payment can include public or private programs and funding, such as Medicare, private

insurance, or funds awarded for cost of care in injury settlements.

In Medicaid, the process of identifying other sources of coverage and ensuring payment from those entities is referred to as Coordination of Benefits (COB) and Third Party Liability (TPL).

The COB/TPL handbook discusses a wide range of issues regarding the ways that states must identify alternate payment sources and ensure that Medicaid is not reimbursing for services that should be covered by another entity. Significantly, CMS includes a discussion of the role of Medicaid when reimbursing Long-term Services and Supports that could be covered under the Older Americans Act (OAA). CMS states that, because the OAA does not create a legal entitlement for its services, Medicaid can be used to reimburse for services that are also covered by the OAA. This guidance is consistent with prior interpretations of the Medicaid COB/TPL statute, including [NASUAD's fact sheet on OAA and Medicaid](#).

[Click here](#) to view the CMS handbook.

FAQs Released Regarding Medicaid & CHIP Managed Care Final Rule

On Thursday, November 10, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the first set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Final Rule that was published in the Federal Register on May 6, 2016. The rule went into effect on July 5, 2016. This set of FAQs provides answers to common questions related to the Final Rule. CMS encourages states, managed care plans, and other stakeholders to submit questions to ManagedCareRule@cms.hhs.gov to inform future guidance and FAQs.

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

CMS Releases 2017 Premiums and Deductibles for Medicare Parts A & B

On Thursday, November 10, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the 2017 premiums for the Medicare inpatient hospital (Part A) and physician and outpatient hospital services (Part B) programs. Search CMS-8062-N, CMS-8063-N, CMS-8064-N in the Federal Register to view more information.

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

Health Resources & Services Administration

Webinar: Using Telehealth to Deliver Diabetes Prevention Programs

The Health Resources & Services Administration's (HRSA) Office of Regional Operations and the Montana and Florida Diabetes Programs are hosting a webinar about using telehealth to deliver diabetes prevention programs. This webinar is designed to help attendees explore how telehealth may help increase access to Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPP) for patients or for partners and stakeholders that provide care to patients with prediabetes.

To help implement DPP via telehealth, it is highly important to provide information about issues key to establishing and operating distance-based DPP. The webinar will emphasize that using DPP to prevent diabetes makes sense in terms of both an individual's health and the economic costs of developing type 2 diabetes. The clinical efficacy of delivering DPP via telehealth will be presented. Key considerations necessary for distance-based DPP to be delivered successfully at the originating and remote sites will be identified, followed by an overview of the technological components needed to remotely link patients and providers. Lastly, an overview of Medicare's new DPP benefit will be provided. This webinar is free but registration is required. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET.**

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

From Other Organizations

AARP Public Policy Institute

Webinar: Family Caregivers & MLTSS

AARP Public Policy Institute is hosting a webinar on their newly released report, *Family Caregivers & Managed Long-Term Services and Supports*. The authors will discuss their findings and recommendations. They also will highlight practical tools and promising practices in this emerging field of addressing family needs in managed long-term services and supports. Interactive questions and answers from webinar participants will follow. Presenters for this webinar are **Susan Reinhard**, Senior Vice President and Director, AARP Public Policy Institute; **Lynn Feinberg**, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor, AARP Public Policy Institute; and **Wendy Fox-Grage**, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor, AARP Public Policy Institute. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, November 29, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

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

Publication: Disrupting Aging in the Workplace

The AARP Public Policy Institute published a new report titled, *Disrupting Aging in the Workplace: Profiles in Intergenerational Diversity Leadership*. AARP PPI conducted a series of case studies of leading employers to examine programs and practices that address age diversity and the intergenerational workforce. The companies profiled in the report believe that addressing the intergenerational workforce is important for their business success.

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

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 **Friday, December 2, 2016**.

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

Community Catalyst

Webinar: Integrating Health & Housing for Low Income & Chronically Ill Seniors

Community Catalyst is hosting the third webinar in a series of webinars that aims to engage with national, regional, state, and local partners who are working or want to start working in the health and housing space. This webinar will provide an overview of the issue from the federal, state and local levels, featuring leaders in these areas. Speakers will discuss the growing research and recognition that the aging population requires more effective integration of housing and health care systems and highlight the impact that affordable housing has on older adults' ability to live at home and in the community. There will be ample time for questions and answers between participants and speakers, allowing for dialogue and learning for those working in both the health and housing areas. Pre-registration is required for this free webinar. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, December 1, 2016 - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**.

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

LEAD Center

Model Cooperative Agreements Between VR Agency and Medicaid, Mental Health, and I/DD Agencies

Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by Title IV of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), requires that state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies include in their State Plans an assurance that they have entered into a formal cooperative agreement with various state agencies. In order to

facilitate the entering into cooperative agreements, the LEAD Center, with input from the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) and state directors who shared state MOUs and participated in teleconferences to discuss content, created a summary of the VR policy framework for cooperative agreements, as well as a model Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and MOU templates. The model MOU is intended to serve as a template for VR and other agencies to use when discussing and negotiating MOUs with state partners from Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Medicaid. The MOU has been reviewed by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), though this does not constitute an approval of this template.

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

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center

Brief: Coordinated Transportation Planning Information

The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) published an issue brief with information about requirements, strategies, and tools for meaningful engagement for older adults and people with disabilities. "This information brief examines federal Section 310 requirements related to meaningful engagement of older adults and people with disabilities in the transportation planning process. The second part of the brief reviews strategies used in public meetings, stakeholder groups, and engagement exercises, and identifies pros and cons of different types of engagement methods depending on their accessibility to participants who are older or who have disabilities."

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

National Association of State Budget Officers

NASBO Releases State Expenditure Report

On November 17, the National Association of State Budget Officers released their annual report on state expenditures. The report includes data that analyzes actual state spending from FY2014 and FY2015, as well as estimates for FY2016. According to the NASBO findings, state expenditures increased by 4% year-over-year in FY2016, which represented a slower growth rate than prior years. This slowing in growth was largely attributable to slower increases in sales and personal income taxes, coupled with a decline in corporate tax collections. Another factor contributing to the slower growth rate in overall spending was the amount of Federal Medicaid funds that states received. In prior years, Federal Medicaid funding increased rapidly, mostly due to the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion. However, in FY2016, Medicaid enrollment leveled off for many states.

Medicaid remains a significant part of overall state funding. The NASBO survey and analysis found that Medicaid represents 29% of total state spending from all revenue sources, and 20.3% of state general fund spending. The main factor driving the differences in this number is the significant amount of Federal funding provided to states for their Medicaid programs.

Medicaid expenditures have grown by approximately 9% annually over the past four years, outpacing the overall state expenditure growth of 2.4%. This trend is also largely due to the influx of Federal funding to support Medicaid expansion.

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

National Council on Independent Living

Webinar: Medicaid Advocacy 101 Part II: Medicaid Reforms

Medicaid Reforms is the second in a four part webinar series designed for emerging leaders in Medicaid advocacy. The 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. This webinar is intended for emerging leaders in Medicaid policy, self-advocates, students and anyone interested in learning more about Medicaid policy. Speakers for this event will be Julie Weinberg and Kate Paris, Director, Thought Leadership, UnitedHealthcare Community & State.

Registration is limited and required for this webinar. It is free for NCIL member and registration costs \$25 for non-members. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, November 22, 2016, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

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

RespectAbility

Webinar: Violence, Police Training & People with Disabilities

RespectAbility is hosting a webinar about the Special Olympics' significant work with police on how to interact with people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. After the death of Frederick County, Maryland resident Ethan Saylor, an individual with Down syndrome, the Commission was asked to develop recommendations about the types of training standards that Maryland should adopt to educate law enforcement officers who interact with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and the best approaches to ensure that people with I/DD are safe, understood, and included in the community.

The Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing

year-round training and competitions to more than 5.3 million athletes and Unified Sports partners in nearly 170 countries. The webinar will take place on **Monday, November 28, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Webinar: Ernst & Young's Work on Mental Illness and Addiction

RespectAbility is hosting a webinar about how Ernst & Young is educating people about mental illness and addiction. According to SAMHSA, "an estimated 43.6 million (18.1 percent) Americans ages 18 and up experienced some form of mental illness. In the past year, 20.2 million adults (8.4 percent) had a substance use disorder. Of these, 7.9 million people had both a mental disorder and substance use disorder." Low expectations and misconceptions are critical barriers to employment for people with disabilities. At the same time business-to-business communication about profitability and success is the best way to break down these barriers. EY, a top company that scored a 100 on the AAPD/USBLN Disability Equality Index (DEI), is taking the initiative to eliminate stigma in the office and provide a model of inclusion to other businesses. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, November 22, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

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

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.

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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