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In This Issue

From NASUAD

NASUAD Hosted a Webinar on Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) and the New Federal Requirements for States to Offer Ombudsman Services to Managed Care Enrollees

This webinar was the second in a series on managed care; the first webinar, Medicaid 101 for State and Local Ombudsman, was held in January 2017. Building on the groundwork laid in January, this webinar provided an overview of Medicaid managed long-term services and support (MLTSS) programs across the country; explained the new Federal requirements for MLTSS programs to offer managed care ombudsman services to enrollees; discussed opportunities and challenges of operating a managed care ombudsman program within a State LTCO office; and highlighted the work of the Iowa SLTCO in managing both a State Long-term Care Ombudsman Program and a managed care ombudsman program. The webinar featured NASUAD's Deputy Executive Director, Camille Dobson, Iowa's State Long-term Care Ombudsman, Deanna Clingan-Fisher, and Kelli Todd, Iowa's Managed Care Ombudsman Program Coordinator.

The presentations, a recording, and a transcript of the webinar are available here.

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.

No Wrong Door: Person- and Family-Centered Practices in Long-Term Services and Supports

On March 20, 2017, The AARP Public Policy Institute in collaboration with The Lewin Group and the U.S. Administration for Community Living released No Wrong Door: Person- and Family-Centered

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Practices in Long-Term Services and Supports and Checklist.

No Wrong Door Systems involve several organizations including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, and state agencies such as Medicaid agencies and state units on aging. This paper provides concrete examples of how seven No Wrong Door Systems are promoting person- and family-centered practice. This resource includes a toolkit of resources and contacts for states to learn more and replicate these practices. A checklist also provides a roadmap for states to ensure that No Wrong Door Systems operate in a person- and family-centered way.

This paper is the first in a series of promising practices and emerging innovations reports. This series is a new feature of the upcoming, 3rd Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Scorecard. The LTSS Scorecard measures state-level performance of LTSS systems that assist older people, adults with disabilities, and their family caregivers.

To learn more, click here.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: What Is ACL's Interest in HCBS Quality?

ACL is launching an informational webinar series about the agency's commitment to and development of measures for HCBS quality. This will also provide a platform among internal and external stakeholders to share developments and collaborate on efforts concerning HCBS quality. The series will host a variety of presenters from ACL, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Quality Forum, SCAN Foundation, National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, and others.

The first webinar takes place on **Wednesday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET.**

Click here for more information.

Draft Principles for a Person-Centered Approach to Serious or Advanced Illness

ACL, in consultation with stakeholders from the aging and disability communities, has drafted a set of principles to guide their work, and to enhance existing programs and services related to serious or advanced illness for older adults and people with disabilities.

ACL is now seeking input from the people they serve-older adults, people with dementia, people with all types of disabilities, and families and caregivers, as well as partners in the aging and disability networks.

The Draft Principles for a Person-Centered Approach to Serious or Advanced Illness is available here.

Send your comments, by **May 12, 2017, to AdvancedIllness@acl.hhs.gov**.

Centers for Disease Control

A Closer Look at the Healthy Aging in Action Report

ASTHO and CDC's Healthy Aging Program are hosting a webinar focusing on the Healthy Aging in Action: Advancing the National Prevention Strategy report that was produced by the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council (National Prevention Council). This strategy report identifies specific actions for healthy aging that are continuing to improve health and well-being in later life. The webinar will feature presentations on some of the findings and lessons learned from the report. The webinar will also include a presentation from Satellite Beach Fire Chief, Don Hughes, on one of the community-based programs, Satellite Beach Falls Prevention Program, to discuss how their agency implemented programs and policies to promote healthy aging.

This webinar will be held on **March 30 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**

Click here for more information.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Webinar: Money Smart for Older Adults: Prevent Financial Exploitation

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) are hosting a webinar on preventing elder financial exploitation aimed at older adults and family caregivers.

The webinar will take place on **Thursday, March 30, 2017, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET.**

Click here to register.

Federal Communications Commission

Nominate Innovations that Improve Technology Access for People with Disabilities

The FCC is currently seeking nominations for the sixth Chairman's Awards for Advancement in Accessibility (Chairman's AAA). Innovation is a driver for the advancement in accessibility for people with disabilities. This program recognizes products, services, standards and other innovative developments in accessible telecommunications and technology.

The nominating period is open until **April 13, 2017**.

Click here for more information.

From Congress

House of Representatives Moves to Vote on ACA Repeal

On Monday, March 20th, the House of Representatives released amendments to the American Health Care Act, which is the legislation that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. The amendments contain significant changes to Medicaid policies, including an option (but not a requirement) for states to receive some Medicaid funding in a block-grant rather than in a per-capita cap format. These block grants would only apply to children and some childless adults (but not the ACA expansion group). Older adults and people with disabilities are not included in the block grant option. The amendments also increase the inflationary factor applied to the per capita caps for older adults and people with disabilities and create a new option for states to apply work requirements to non-disabled adults. Additionally, the amendments accelerate the elimination of ACA taxes. Despite these amendments a number of Republicans continued to publicly oppose the bill, leading to questions about the ability to pass the legislation.

Following the release of amendments, Republican leadership began to move through several procedural hurdles required to have a final vote on the legislation. Simultaneously, negotiations continued between the various parts of the Republican party on additional amendments that could secure enough votes to secure passage. The bill was originally scheduled to be considered by the full House yesterday; however, the vote was delayed following several reports indicating that the measure would fail on the floor. Later in the evening, President Trump announced that the vote would occur on Friday, March 24th, and failure to pass the bill would result in the ACA remaining in place. As a final concession to some of the holdout Representatives, an additional amendment was offered that would increase funding for mental health services; allow the state stability fund to address prenatal and maternity care; delay the implementation of one ACA tax repeal; and eliminate the ACA Essential Health Benefits requirement by instead delegating the establishment of mandatory benefits to states.

Also occurring on Thursday afternoon, the Congressional Budget Office released an updated analysis of the impact of the AHCA, incorporating the amendments offered on Monday. The analysis determined that Monday's amendments would not alter the bill's impact on health

insurance coverage, thus projecting that the bill will result in 24 million people losing coverage by 2026. In the analysis, CBO estimated that the primary impact of the amendments would be to reduce the savings that the bill generates. Originally, the legislation was expected to reduce the federal debt by $337 billion over a ten year period. CBO projects that the amendments will reduce that figure to $150 billion, largely due to the decreased federal revenue from the acceleration of repealing ACA taxes. The Thursday evening amendment was not included in the CBO score.

This morning, the House Rules Committee cleared the measure, allowing it to be considered on the floor. President Trump's ultimatum and the Rules Committee clearance now sets up a significant vote with an uncertain outcome in the House later today. Every Democrat is expected to oppose the legislation, meaning that leadership cannot lose more than 22 Republican votes or else the measure will fail.

NASUAD's updated analysis of the AHCA is available **here**.

CBO's updated analysis of the legislation is **here**.

Information on the legislation, including bill text and amendments, is available **here**.

From Other Organizations

AARP

New Home Alone Alliance Video Series Brings Together AARP and VA to Support Family Caregivers

The Home Alone Alliance is a collaborative that was launched in 2016. This collaborative brings together partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to create solutions that support family caregivers. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), a Home Alone Alliance member, joined AARP to release a video series instructing family caregivers how to perform mobility-related tasks.

Click here to read more.

Webinar: Changing the System for Complex Patients: Nursing Innovation in Action

Join the AARP Public Policy Institute to learn about an innovative nursing-led model of care that is being widely hailed as a success. Presenters include Susan Reinhard, PhD, RN, FAAN, senior vice president and director of the AARP Public Policy Institute and chief strategist for the Center to Champion Nursing in America, and Lauran Hardin, MSN, RN, CNL, senior director of Cross-Continuum Transformation at the National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs.

Attendees will: Hear how Hardin and her team used population analysis, interprofessional case conferencing, and process

improvements to decrease overuse of health care by high-cost, high-need patients; Discuss how interventions of complex care resource centers achieve the triple aim outcomes of improving the patient's care experience, enhancing the health of populations, and lowering per-capita costs; Examine the role of nurses as leaders and facilitators of interdisciplinary care models.

The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET**.

Click here for more information.

ARCH National Respite Network

Call for Presentations for the 2017 National Lifespan Respite Conference Now Open

The 2017 National Lifespan Respite Conference will be held in Huntsville, AL at the Embassy Suites Hotel on **October 11-13, 2017.** The conference will be hosted by the Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network in collaboration with theARCH National Respite Network. The conference theme, Take Off with Respite!, reflects the incredible history of the space industry in Huntsville, AL, also known as Rocket City USA. It also reflects the mission of the respite care network - to rise to meet challenges, heighten awareness, and push innovation to ensure a safe landing for the nation's 43 million family caregivers. The Call for Presentations is now available. The deadline for responding is **March 24, 2017**. A proposal for a breakout session on any aspect of planned or emergency respite service delivery, access, research, evaluation, policy, best practices or innovation is welcome. Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities are also available. For more information, please visit the National Lifespan Respite Conference website.

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Registration Now Open for the AIRS Conference

Registration is now open for the **39th annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference in Tampa, Florida May 21-24**!

The Registration Brochure is available through the AIRS website at www.airs.org/conference, along with additional conference information including hotel reservations, online registration and a preliminary program summary. The conference registration is open, and Early Bird Savings ($100 per person on the standard rate) are available to all who register by April 1st, 2017.

For aging and disability I&R/A professionals, the National I&R Support Center invites you to join us for the **National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium** during the AIRS Conference. The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and

disability professionals, a full complement of conference workshops, and an Aging and Disability Luncheon. Conference workshops will feature national, state and local professionals presenting on key topics such as national policy developments impacting aging and disability programs, the role of I&R in managed care contracts, long distance caregiving, partnerships, decision-making support, community transportation, disability rights and accessibility, and other key issues. This year's pre-conference summit will include an interactive training on motivational interviewing for aging and disability professionals. For further information on the Symposium, contact Support Center Director Nanette Relave.

Justice in Aging

SSI Fact Sheet

Justice in Aging has released a new fact sheet on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) that offers information for SSI to advocates working to educate policymakers and their communities about the importance of the program.

Click here to read the fact sheet.

Kaiser Family Foundation

What Could a Medicaid Per Capita Cap Mean for Low-Income People on Medicare?

The Kaiser Family Foundation released an issue brief this week that discusses the potential implications of Medicaid per capita cap or block grant proposals for low-income seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare. The brief also describes how the per capita cap model could potentially affect low-income people on Medicare who receive assistance from Medicaid. As the bill is modified or other pieces of relevant legislation are introduced, this brief will be updated.

Click here to read the issue brief.

LEAD Center

Webinar: Service Provider Transformation: From Policy to Opportunity

The National Disability Institute's LEAD Center is hosting a webinar on provider transformation, which pertains to the process of changing over a disability service provider from a sheltered workshop-style setting to one that provides competitive and integrated employment. This process can be challenging and complex. Attendees will learn about provider transformation at the systems, services, and individual levels.

The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET**

Click here to register.

Mathematica

Forum and Webinar: What Works for Youth? Tracking Vocational Rehab Outcomes

There have been recent federal policy changes that require vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies to increase services for youth transitioning into adulthood. Mathematica has partnered with TransCen, the University of Maryland, and the Institute for Community Inclusion to examine the employment outcomes for the wide range of youth who receive VR services.

Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy will host a policy forum and live webinar on this issue. A panel of experts will present and discuss: Long-term outcomes of youth who apply for VR services; The Maryland Seamless Transition Collaborative's VR process and outcomes; Employment outcomes of post-secondary youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

This forum and live webinar will be held on **April 25th from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. ET**

Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Click here to register.

National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

Webinars: Information for Ombudsmen on the LTCOP Rule

The Consumer Voice is hosting a webinar series that will discuss the application of the LTCOP Rule in daily Ombudsman program advocacy and management. There will be two webinars that will share resources and training materials for Ombudsman program representatives on the topics of complaint investigations and abuse reporting and individual conflicts of interest.

Presenters are Louise Ryan, Ombudsman Program Specialist, Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs, AoA/ACL; a regional/local Ombudsman program representative; and NORC staff.

Please note: You only have to register once for the series in order to attend both webinars and receive reminders. If you have any questions, please contact ombudcenter@theconsumervoice.org.

The webinars will be held on:

March 29, 2017 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. ET
"LTCOP Rule: Supporting Person-Centered Advocacy - Complaint Investigations and Abuse Reporting"

April 25, 2017 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. ET
"LTCOP Rule: Identifying and Addressing Individual Conflicts of Interest"

Click here for more information.

NCOA

Webinar: Reaching People with Arthritis: Strategies and Tools

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is co-sponsoring a webinar with the Arthritis Foundation on outreach to individuals with arthritis, which is the leading cause of disability for adults in the U.S. and affects over 50 million people. Attendees will learn about the prevalence of arthritis; strategies regarding evidence-based health programs to manage symptoms; resources from NCOA and the Arthritis Foundation and; promising practices from the Utah Arthritis Program.

Presenters include Mary Altpeter and Serena Weisner from UNC at Chapel Hill Thurston Arthritis Research Center, OsteoArthritis Action Alliance; Nick Turkas, Arthritis Foundation, and; Nichole Shepard and Rebecca Castleton, Utah Department of Health.

The webinar will take place on **Monday, March 28, 2017, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET.**

To register for the webinar, click here.

New Resource Helps Combat Malnutrition Among Older Adults

NCOA and several partners developed a new Community Malnutrition Resource Hub to help local organizations combat the issue of malnutrition. The Resource Hub includes practical resources, tools, and ideas for how to develop and implement a malnutrition plan in your community.

Click here to view the Community Malnutrition Resource Hub.

nTIDE

Webinar Series: nTIDE Lunch & Learn

Season Two Episode 3 of the nTIDE Lunch & Learn Webinar Series, detailing findings of the latest Jobs Report release, announcements from the Disability Employment field, and a guest presentation by Rita Landgraf, Professor of Practice and Distinguished Health and Social Services Administrator in Residence, University of Delaware, College of Health Sciences, is now available online.

The next nTIDE Lunch & Learn Webinar will be held on **Friday, April 7, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. ET**. This webinar will provide the opportunity to: learn more about the March Jobs Report and how it fits into longer term employment trends, hear about programs and research across the country addressing employment and disability, and listen to experts in the field.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Events

Dementia Action Alliance Hosts "Re-Imagine Life with Dementia" Conference & Technology Showcase

The Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) is hosting the 2017 U.S. - Canada "Re-Imagine Life with Dementia" Conference & Technology Showcase. The conference aims to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the dementia community to learn, and partake in important discussions and interactions.

The conference will take place from **June 25-27, 2017,** at the Westin Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

[Click here](#) for more information on the conference.

National Adult Protective Services Association 3rd Global World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Summit Sponsorship Opportunities

The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) has released information for sponsorship opportunities at the 3rd Global World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Summit .

The summit will take place on **June 15, 2017,** at the Securities and Exchange Commission Building.

[Click here](#) for more information on the summit.

Grant Opportunities

AARP Grant: Identifying Evidence-Based Solutions for Vulnerable Older Adults

The AARP Foundation has launched a new grant opportunity for programs that ensure that low-income and vulnerable older adults have nutritious food, affordable, livable and healthy housing, a steady income and sustaining social bonds. All applications must be completed [online](#).

The application itself will consist of two parts:
Mandatory pre-application: **deadline April 7, 2017**
Invited full application: **deadline May 19, 2017**

All are invited to submit the pre-application, which, besides general

organizational information, contains a list of basic information about your current program and how it aligns with AARP Foundation's mission and impact area objectives. The pre-application submissions undergo a thorough review process, from which a smaller number of organizations will be invited in April to complete a full application. During the review, applicants may receive clarification questions and follow up (which may include video conference or on-site visit). A final decision will be made by mid-June.

ACL Grant: New Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Grant for Traumatic Brain Injury

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL announced a new grant opportunity under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRRP) for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model System Centers Program.

The TBI Model System Centers must provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary services to individuals with TBI and conduct research that contributes to evidence-based rehabilitation interventions and clinical and practice guidelines. The Centers Program must also generate new knowledge that can be used to improve outcomes of individuals with TBI in one or more of these domains: health and function, community living and participation, and employment. Applicants must propose research that contributes to the development of evidence-based TBI rehabilitation practices through the advancement of science at any stage of research.

The closing date for applications is **May 9, 2017**.

Click here to view more information.

ACL Grant: New Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL has announced a new grant under the Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems (SCIMS) Multi-Site Collaborative Research Project.

The purpose of this grant is to support multi-site research topics related to rehabilitation following spinal cord injury. The grant must include collaborative multi-site research with three or more of the NIDILRR-funded SCIMS centers. The proposed research must be designed to contribute to outcomes of individuals with spinal cord injury in one or more of these domains: health and function, community living and participation, and employment.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 9, 2017.**

Click here to view grant details.

ACL Grant: New Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers Program Grant Opportunity

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL has announced a new

grant under the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERC) Program on Rehabilitation Strategies, Techniques, and Interventions.

In the area of rehabilitation strategies, techniques, and interventions, NIDILRR seeks to fund research and development that leads to rehabilitation practices and services that improve the health, and the physical, cognitive, sensory, and communication abilities, of individuals with a wide range of disabilities. Rehabilitation engineering in this area should result in new or improved products, devices, and technological advances that enhance rehabilitation services in clinical or community settings.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 9, 2017.**

Click here to view grant details.

ACL Grant: New Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Grants

Four new grant opportunities from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL have been announced under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRRP) for several areas.

Click on each grant below to find out more:

DRRP Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

DRRP Burn Model System Centers Program - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

DRRP Traumatic Brain Injury Model System Centers Program - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

DRRP Americans with Disabilities Act National Network Collaborative Research Project - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

ACL Grant: Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs

AoA/ACL forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds to make three-year grants to approximately 6-8 entities to bring to scale and sustain evidence-based programs that empower older adults and adults with disabilities to better manage their chronic conditions. The first goal is to significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities who participate in evidence-based self-management programs to empower them to better manage their chronic conditions; and the second goal is to implement innovative funding arrangements (e.g. contracts with integrated health care systems) to support the CDSME programs beyond the grant period, while embedding the programs into an integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 12, 2017.**

Click here to view grant details.

ACL Grant: Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs

AoA/ACL forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds to make three-year grants to approximately 6-8 entities to bring to scale and sustain evidence-based falls prevention programs that will reduce the number of falls, fear of falling, and fall-related injuries in older adults and adults with disabilities. The first goal is to significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities at risk of falls who participate in evidence-based community programs to reduce falls and falls risks; and the second goal is to implement innovative funding arrangements (e.g. contracts with integrated health care systems) to support community-based falls prevention programs beyond the grant period, while embedding the programs into an integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program network.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 13, 2017.**

Click here to view grant details.

ACL Grant: National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging (NRCNA)

The Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging will hold will hold a competition for a cooperative agreement to operate a National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging (NRCNA). The awardee will provide for training, technical assistance and support to the State Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, and Nutrition Program providers in every State, Territory and the District of Columbia.

ACL/AoA's objectives for the new cooperative agreement include: Create and effectively disseminate applicable resources for use by the experienced and inexperienced aging network nutrition professional; Conduct targeted outreach to States' Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, and Nutrition Program providers; Assist in solving technical problems and enable peer learning for States' Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, and Nutrition Program providers; ACL/AoA anticipates a three-year project period, with three one-year budget periods, subject to availability of funds.

The closing date for applications is **May 16, 2017**.

Click here to view grant details.

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