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NASUAD Publishes Updated State Medicaid Integration Tracker

NASUAD has published the **April 2017** Edition of the State Medicaid Integration Tracker. The State Medicaid Integration Tracker is a monthly report summarizing state actions in Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), as well as State Demonstrations to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals and other Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Initiatives.

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

Click here to view this month's Tracker.
Click here for comprehensive information on each state, as well as archived versions of the Tracker.

Disability Network Business Acumen Environmental Scan Survey

In the fall of 2016, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) awarded the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) a cooperative agreement aimed at building the capacity of community-based disability organizations (CBOs) to contract with integrated care and other health sector entities. Along with our partners in this Disability Network Business Acumen project, we at NASUAD are asking for your input to help provide a baseline foundation of knowledge for this effort.

The growing trend nationwide to integrate healthcare and long term services and supports is creating exciting opportunities for CBOs open to operating in new ways. It is clear that CBOs know their communities well and are experts regarding the issues their clients face, yet organizations may need support in developing their business acumen expertise. The Disability Network Business Acumen project is conducting an environmental scan to better understand the business needs and strengths of CBOs and states serving persons of all ages with disabilities of all types.

This comprehensive environmental scan survey (see link below) will serve as the foundation for the development of tools and resources that NASUAD and its partners will design to help organizations improve

their ability to work with managed care organizations, accountable care organizations, and other health systems. This survey is intended to ensure that state and community-based organizations serving people with disabilities are part of the evolving service delivery system and that their significant knowledge and experience serving people with disabilities is preserved.

We invite state agencies, CBOs that serve persons with disabilities, and managed care organizations to complete the environmental scan **survey**. The survey will be available for completion through **May 2017**. Your survey responses will be integral to the success of the project.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important survey.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Measuring the Impacts of WEAAD Activities

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is an opportunity to draw attention to the issue of elder abuse and to encourage action in communities. Measuring the impact of WEAAD efforts can help show funders, policy makers, researchers, and others how and why these events are important.

Join ACL on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET** for a webinar on how to measure the impact of your WEAAD events using a logic model.

Webinar participants will: learn what preparation is needed to measure impact; learn how to create a logic model for measuring outcome of an event; and practice creating a logic model.

ACL and NCEA also have a WEAAD 2017 toolkit with several tools and resources to help you commemorate WEAAD in your community.

View more information here.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Webinar: How Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Can Help Family Caregivers

The CMS Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) in collaboration with The Lewin Group and AARP, is hosting a webinar on "How Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) Can Help Family Caregivers" on **Thursday, April 27, 2017, 2:00pm-3:00 p.m. ET**. The webinar will explain how MLTSS can lead the way to advancing person-and family-

centered care; describe promising practices demonstrating effective family caregiver supports; and provide tools and recommendations that pave the way to better addressing family caregivers' needs.

For more information, click here.

From Other Organizations

AARP

Breaking Stereotypes: Spotlight on Male Family Caregivers

A new report from the AARP Public Policy Institute reports that the *Caregiving in the U.S. 2015* survey found that 40% of family caregivers in the United States are men. The report Breaking Stereotypes: Spotlight on Male Family Caregivers describes who the male family caregivers are, the range of caregiving tasks they provide, and their experiences and challenges.

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Registration Open for the AIRS Conference

Registration is 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 program summary.

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.

Mathematica

What Works for Youth? Tracking Vocational Rehabilitation Outcomes

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 vocational rehabilitation (VR) services. Recent federal policy changes require VR agencies to increase services for youth transitioning into adulthood, but there is limited information on the effectiveness and outcomes of these services.

Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy will host a policy forum and live webinar on this issue on **April 27 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. ET**.

For more information, click here.

Medicare Rights Center

Webinar: Part D Appeals and Penalties

The Medicare Rights Center is hosting a webinar that can help you know what actions to take if your prescription is denied at the pharmacy. It will cover the steps to take when navigating the Part D appeals process.

This webinar will discuss:

- An overview of Part D costs and coverage
- Part D enrollment and the late enrollment penalty
- Understanding coverage denials and Part D appeals
- When and why to appeal a coverage denial
- What you need to file your appeal

The webinar is on **Wednesday, April 26, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET** and costs $40 per person for the live webinar and recording, or $30 per person for the recording only.

For more information, click here.

NCOA

SSI vs. SSDI: What Are These Benefits and How Do They Differ?

NCOA has a new blog post that describes the differences between Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). In the post, NCOA also addresses frequently asked questions such as:
- Can I have both SSI and SSDI?
- How do I apply for SSI or SSDI?
- How does Social Security define disability?
- How long does it take for the application to be processed?
- If I am 62 and disabled, does it make sense to apply for SSDI or early Social Security benefits?

- What happens if my application is rejected?

You can read the blog post from NCOA here.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Dementia Care Specialist: 2016 Activity Report

Dementia Care Specialists (DCSs) support people with dementia and their family caregivers, as well as help make it possible for those with dementia to stay in community settings longer. DCSs in Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) are part of a pilot project included in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Dementia Care System Redesign.

You can find out more about the DCS's accomplishments in the Dementia Care Specialist 2016 Activity Report.

Jobs & Internships

SNP Alliance Seeks President/CEO

The President and CEO is the chief executive for the SNP Alliance and national leader for SNPs and MMPs in advancing a proactive agenda of health systems transformation. As "the face" of the organization, the President/CEO will work with a newly created Board to ensure that the SNP Alliance's fiscal management, operations, financing, marketing, human resources, technology, programmatic strategies, and policy/advocacy are effectively implemented. As"the voice" for health system transformation, the President/CEO will work with the SNP Alliance board, members, and a variety of
organizations and national leaders in crafting and advancing improvements in policy and practice to better serve high-‑‑risk/high-‑‑need persons.

Fore more information and a complete job description, click here.

South Dakota Seeks Medicaid Director

The State of South Dakota is looking for a passionate expert to bring their Medicaid expertise to help them shape healthcare for their citizens. Use your combined knowledge of the State Medicaid program with a desire to serve the most vulnerable populations with quality healthcare programs. Your success innovating and leading states' programs that optimize processes to enable agency success and performance will be important. The state is seeking a progressive leader to help South Dakota think, lead and deliver with outcomes in mind.

Some key functions of this job will be:

Administration of a $500M+ program;
Oversight and enablement of personnel;
Maintain collaboration with sister agencies and stakeholders;

Drive thought leadership within a regulatory and accountability framework.

View the job description here.

Grant Opportunities

AARP: BankSafe Grants: Preventing Exploitation Through Bank Staff Training

The Request for Proposals (RFP) from AARP seeks to identify multi-disciplinary coalitions positioned to assist AARP with its BankSafe initiative. BankSafe aims to protect consumers from financial exploitation and keep retirement savings safe. AARP is seeking to partner with the financial industry to create a free online training program that will help employees in local financial institutions to detect and prevent exploitation. The purpose of this grant is to fund multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder collaborative groups (composed of aging advocates that are working in conjunction with financial institutions) to help develop the content of the training, which should include state-specific content.

Selected coalitions will receive a grant of $10,000 to help develop and disseminate training to banks and credit unions.

To learn more about the BankSafe initiative, click here.

Applications are due online to BankSafe@aarp.org no later than **May 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. ET**.

View more information here.

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