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## From NASUAD

### NASUAD Publishes Tip Sheets for Increasing MIPPA Outreach

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disability published two tip sheets on increasing MIPPA outreach. NASUAD included several questions on the 2015 National I&R Survey to gather promising practices that ADRCs, AAAs and CILs use to increase outreach. Each tip sheet focuses on internal and external promising practices to increase the amount of Medicare Savings Plan and Low Income Subsidy applications. Both tip sheets are available on the HCBS Clearinghouse and on the NASUAD website.

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

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

### Register for the Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities!

The [Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities](#), May 23-26th, 2016, will offer a wide array of Iowa, regional and national strategies to address the challenges and embrace the opportunities that accompany the ever-changing aging and disability communities.

The conference is being hosted by the Iowa Department on Aging and the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, in partnership with the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, and directed by a steering committee made up of Iowa business and community leaders and chaired by Lt. Governor Reynolds. Our theme - "Disruptive Innovations" - focuses on the myriad ways Iowa's aging and disability communities are and need to continue evolving: culturally, economically, socially, and technologically.

Are you looking to connect with professionals, policymakers, and subject-matter experts to learn about the creative work within the aging and disability networks? Register today to reserve your spot. Join the dialogue around best practices, unique partnerships, and recognize the innovative work of your peers.

The Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities, alongside the NASUAD MLTSS Symposium and Spring Meeting, will be the place to collaborate on national innovations.

Registration is now open!

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

## HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

Check out NASUAD iQ!

*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.*

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### **National Trends in Disability Employment: October Jobs Report**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics in collaboration with the Kessler Foundation and the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability published this month's National Trends on Disability Employment report (nTIDE). Each month this report is published to mark the changes of employment for people with disabilities. Labor statistics indicate that very few people with disabilities are working for the third month in a row. Meanwhile employment rates remain steady for people without disabilities. Please note that these statistics are not seasonally adjusted.

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### **Four New Reports on Adult Day Service Centers and Residential Care**

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has four new reports on adult day services centers and residential care communities available from the 2014 National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP). The data briefs and state tables use survey data from NCHS' 2014 NSLTCP. NSLTCP provides reliable, accurate, relevant, and timely statistical information to support and inform long-term care services policy, research, and practice.

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The following briefs are available: Data Brief #222: "Variation in Operating Characteristics of Residential Care Communities, by Size of Community: United States, 2014;" Data Brief #223: "Variation in Residential Care Community Resident Characteristics, by Size of Community: United States, 2014;" Data Brief #224: "Variation in Operating Characteristics of Adult Day Services Centers, by Center Ownership: United States, 2014;" Data Brief #227: "Variation in Adult Day Services Center Participant Characteristics, by Center Ownership: United States, 2014."

[Click here](#) to access the reports and findings.

## From the Administration

# Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

## **Medicaid Claiming Guide for No Wrong Door Entities**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) collaborated for the past few years to support states in their efforts to develop systems to assist consumers with learning about long-term services and supports (LTSS). They released the Medicaid Claiming Guide for No Wrong Door Entities to support states in their efforts to allow access to LTSS for consumers. CMS, ACL, and VHA hope that in the future each state will develop a single statewide No Wrong Door System of LTSS and establish a governing body for the system. The guide will inform states about the process of claiming federal funds, or Federal Financial Participation (FFP).

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

## **Update Issued for Guide to Effective & Innovative State Agency Practices**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an update in December 2015 to the Guide to Effective and Innovative State Practices. The update is a supplement to the previous guide that was issued in September 2014. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recommended the update after they conducted a study of Medicaid COB/TPL. This update provides information reported by the states on Medicaid COB/TPL practices and offers the opportunity for peer assistance among states.

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

## **Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission**

### **MACstats: Medicaid and CHIP Data Book**

The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission released the MACStats: Medicaid and CHIP Data Book. The data book provides a comprehensive resource with Medicaid and CHIP data all in one convenient location. Information in the book is split into six sections: an overview with statistics; trends in Medicaid; Medicaid and CHIP enrollment and spending with information on benefits, managed care, and program administration; Medicaid and CHIP eligibility; and measures of beneficiary health, use of services, and access to care.

[Click here](#) to view the data book.

# From Congress

## **Congress to Vote on the Continuing Resolution for the Federal Budget**

The continuing resolution (CR) for the federal budget was approved on September 30, 2015 to prevent a government shut down and expires at 12:00 am today, December 11, 2015. On December 10, 2015, the Senate approved a new continuing resolution that offers a five-day extensions to allow Congress to figure out a long-term bill. The House of Representatives will vote on the CR today. House approval is expected, as is President Obama's signature. Congress will have to pass a long-term extension prior to leaving for its holiday break.

# From Other Organizations

## Center for Health Care Strategies

### **Webinar: Engaging Stakeholders to Improve Oral Health Coverage**

The Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. is hosting a webinar to increase the engagement of stakeholders to improve dental coverage and access for Medicaid-enrolled adults. Medicaid does not provide dental benefits for its beneficiaries leaving huge gaps in access to proper dental care. Engagement of stakeholders is crucial for the advancement of innovation and the acquisition of resources to ensure coverage. This webinar is funded by the DentaQuest Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Experts Stacey Chazin, Director of Prevention Programs, CHCS; Gregory McClure, DMD, MPH, Dental Director, Delaware Division of Public Health; and Marianne Hughes, Senior Consultant, Interaction Institute for Social Change will present the lessons from a Health Care Strategies (CHCS) learning collaborative. The webinar will take place on **Monday, December 14, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## Health Management Associates

### **Webinar: Implications of New Transgender Transitioning Coverage**

Health Management Associates is hosting a webinar on the implications of the new health insurance coverage guidelines regarding transgender transitioning. HMA Community Strategies experts Marci Eads, Managing Principal; and John O'Connor, Principal, will teach attendees about the implications of the new proposed federal guidelines that require coverage of transition-related services for transgender individuals and explain data

from the national survey of transgender that examined the implication of not having access to transition-related care. Additionally, attendees will learn about the barriers that prevent transgender individuals from receiving quality care and about resources that are available to teach staff about cultural competence. This webinar is recommended for executives of health plans; Medicaid directors and staff; state and federal regulators and healthcare policy analysts; advocates; and executives of public hospitals, health systems, and safety net providers. Pre-registration is required for this free webinar, which will take place on **Monday, December 21, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

### Webinar: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Dementia

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center is hosting a technical assistance webinar on racial and ethnic disparities in dementia. Participants will learn about racial and ethnic differences in dementia diagnoses, support systems, and use of formal services and how the Latino Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Alliance works to alleviate some of differences in support and use of services as they relate to dementia. The presenters for this webinar are Lisa Lines, PhD, MPH, RTI International, and Constantina Mizis, Executive Director, The Latino Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Alliance. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, January 7, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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## National Council on Aging

### Toolkits to Prevent Financial Exploitation

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) created several toolkits to help prevent older adults from falling prey to holiday scams. The Savvy Saving Seniors Financial Education Toolkits come with materials for professionals to lead financial education workshops for elders. Funding for the materials was provided by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. Materials that can be found in the toolkits include: marketing materials, training guides, presentation slides, participant handbooks, and evaluation forms.

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

## Events

## Managed Care Academy at the ASA Aging in America Conference

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting a new Managed Care Academy at the 2016 Aging in America Conference this March. Attend the ASA Managed Care Academy Series, and return to your organization with new knowledge, replicable new models, and new contacts to help you along in your own journey of organizational reframing, relevance and sustainability. The program will be woven into the Aging in America Conference, beginning with the Opening General Session on Sunday, March 20, which will provide a panoramic view of the new aging services landscape and ending with the comprehensive Managed Care Academy Summit on Thursday, March 24, which will explore the evolving business model that community-based organizations, including area agencies on aging, are undertaking to create value-based services for older adults using value-based pricing models. This event will take place on **Thursday March 24, 2016.**

Use discount code NASUAD10 to save 10% off of the registration fee.

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## Jobs & Internships

### Public Consulting Group Seeks Senior Advisor

Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) is seeking applicants for the position of Senior Advisor of Aging/Elder Services. The Senior Advisor is responsible for providing industry knowledge to lead and assist in strategic planning and product/service line development; having the ability to tactically analyze existing markets and identify potential areas of opportunity; using existing client networks to provide a perspective on future business; establishing good working relationship with local, state, federal and private service agencies; providing subject matter expertise on a range of topics relevant to applicant's background; and leading research, speaking engagements and service offering development. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of 5 - 10 years of experience working within a state department of aging/adult long-term services, or with a managed care organization under contract with one of these agencies and proficient knowledge of federal/state laws and regulations related to aging, long-term living, Home and Community Based Service waivers, managed long-term services and supports, Area Agency on Aging/State Unit on Aging coordination, and adult protective services also a plus. All applications must be submitted by **Friday, January 30, 2016.**

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### Lakeshore Foundation Seeks Advocacy Specialist

Lakeshore Foundation is seeking applicants for the position of Advocacy Specialist. The Advocacy Specialist will be responsible for assisting the Director of Policy & Public Affairs

in building identity; facilitating mobilization and mapping of resources, actors, institutions, allies, and targets through the analysis of stakeholder environment; gathering policy and political information; assisting the Director of Policy & Public Affairs in building strategic relationships; and collaborating with the Director of Policy & Public Affairs and consultants to define and elaborate on the policy problem. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a related field, experience providing advocacy skills for people with disabilities, and strong communications skills both written and verbal. All applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, December 30, 2015**.

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## University of Massachusetts Boston Seeks Tenure-Stream Faculty Member

The Department of Gerontology in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston seeks to fill a tenure-stream faculty position. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a doctorate in, gerontology, public health, sociology, psychology, demography, economics, social work, organizational studies, public policy, public administration, nursing, or political science and a strong record of external funding or evidence of the ability to achieve significant external funding. All applications must be submitted by **Friday, January 29, 2016**.

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## FEMA Seeks Management and Program Analyst

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is seeking applications for the position of Management and Program Analyst located in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Office of the Administrator (OA), Office of Disability Integration and Coordination (ODIC). The analyst will be responsible for performing program analysis duties in support of the ODIC response and recovery functions; and assisting in the organization, coordination, and task management of activities with internal staff and external stakeholders. Qualified applicants must be U.S. citizens and have budgetary and financial management experience, expert analysis experience with both qualitative and quantitative methods, and knowledge of disability integration. All applications must be submitted by **Friday, December 18, 2015**.

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## Funding Opportunities

## Student Mental Health Services & Supports in Higher Education Grant

The National Council on Disability is seeking proposals for a report which examines student mental health services in institutions of higher education. The findings in this report will primarily serve to assist policymakers, including the White House and Congress, and institutions of higher education with insight needed to make policy decisions designed to improve outcomes for students with mental health disabilities. The report will also provide students with mental health disabilities and those who support them, with an understanding of policy, legislation, and initiatives that impact their lives. The maximum amount available for this project is \$115,000. All potential applicants are eligible to apply. All applications must be submitted by **Friday, January 15, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. ET.**

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