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## From NASUAD

### Materials Available Online from I&R Center Webinar on Data & Outcomes

On Wednesday, November 2, the National I&R Center hosted a monthly webinar on the data and outcomes from a national survey.

As I&R/A professionals know, good data is critical to achieving good outcomes for the individuals and families that you serve. As part of a data study for the state of Colorado, NASUAD recently conducted a national survey of State Agencies on Aging and Disabilities and Medicaid Agencies to assess the status of data collection and outcome measurement for services for older adults and persons with disabilities, and to highlight important trends, developments and practices. The survey also touched upon structure and location of ADRC/SEP/NWD systems.

Participants of the webinar learned about these key findings, including information on systems for consumer access to long-term services and supports. The webinar was presented by NASUAD's Senior Director Damon Terzaghi. The slides from the presentation, a copy of the audio recording, and a transcript are now available online.

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

### New Fact Sheet: Certification for I&R Specialists - Aging/Disabilities

Certification for Information & Referral (I&R) specialists recognizes the knowledge, skills and professionalism of I&R practitioners. In response to frequently asked questions regarding certification for I&R specialists who work in aging and disabilities, NASUAD, the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS), and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) partnered to develop a fact sheet on the Certified Information and Referral Specialist-Aging/Disabilities (CIRS-A/D) certification that is offered through AIRS. The fact sheet addresses key questions including eligibility for certification, the application process, recertification, and the roles of national partners. To learn more about certification for specialists working in aging and disabilities, see the new [fact sheet](#) on the CIRS-A/D program.

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

# HCBS Clearinghouse

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*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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## Medicaid & CHIP: Applications, Determination, & Enrollment

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for August 2016 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. States provide data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

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

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## From the Administration

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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## Updates to Medicaid LTSS and Section 1915(c)

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the *Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports Beneficiaries 2012* report which provides updated estimates of the number of people who receive Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS). Additionally, CMS released annual updates to two reports that describe recent section 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver program data. *Medicaid 1915(c) Waiver Data Based on the CMS 372 Report, 2012 - 2013* identifies the number of people who received HCBS waiver program services, and Medicaid expenditures and duration of service for participants during 2012 and 2013. The other report, *Medicaid Expenditures for Section 1915(c) Waiver Programs in FY 2014*, provides data and trends regarding waiver expenditures.

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

[Click here](#) to view the Section 1915(c) report.

### Federal Communications Commission



## Twitter Town Hall on Robocalls Today

Unwanted calls - including robocalls and telemarketing calls - are the top consumer complaint to the Federal Communications Commission. Just this week, the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau alerted consumers of a concerning trend among scammers to utilize popular gift cards as a means of defrauding consumers. The FCC is hosting a Twitter chat on Robocalls today, **November 4, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET**. In order to attend, use the hashtag #RobocallChat.

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

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration- Health Resources and Services Administration

### New Publication on Integrated Care for Aging Populations

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration- Health Resources and Services Administration (SAMHSA-HRSA) Center for Integrated Health Solutions released a new publication titled, *Growing Older: Providing Integrated Care for an Aging Population*. This publication offers guidance for primary and behavioral health care providers to be prepared to meet the unique health needs of older adults.

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

## From Other Organizations

### AARP Public Policy Institute

#### New Report on Family Caregivers and MLTSS

To kick off National Family Caregivers Month, the AARP Public Policy Institute has issued the first major research report on family caregivers' needs within the emerging field of managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS). The authors find that while family caregiver supports are still uncommon in managed MLTSS, managed care contracts can lead the way in standardizing a person- and family-centered approach, resulting in better care for both members and their families.

This research offers:

- Practical tools and guidance for care coordinators and providers who work for health plans;
- Policy recommendations and model managed care contract language to benefit members with self-care needs and their family caregivers; and

- Promising practices from TennCare, South Carolina Healthy Connections Prime, United Healthcare, and Cal MediConnect Dementia Project.

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

## American Health Care Association

### Lawsuit Filed to Challenge Arbitration Rule

On October 17, 2016, the American Health Care Association (AHCA), the national trade group for nursing facilities, the Mississippi Health Care Association, and three LTC facility providers filed a lawsuit against the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) over implementation of a recent final rule that revises the requirements LTC facilities must meet in order to participate Medicare and Medicaid. The new rule makes a number of changes, including prohibiting LTC facilities from signing pre-dispute arbitration agreements with residents, which essentially resulted in residents waiving their right to sue the LTC facility. The AHCA maintains that prohibiting these arbitration agreements is illegitimate due to other Federal law, and is requesting that the courts stop enforcement of the provision after the effective date of the rule on November 28, 2016.

[Click here](#) to view the AHCA statement.

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

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

## American Society on Aging

### Webinar: Alzheimer's and Wandering

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting a webinar on Alzheimer's disease and wandering. Wandering is a significant issue for people living with Alzheimer's disease and their loved ones. According to the Alzheimer's Association, three of five people with Alzheimer's disease will wander. If not found within 24 hours, up to half of individuals who wander will suffer serious injury or death. Register for this web seminar to learn how Home Instead Senior Care is extending its support to this important area of Alzheimer's education through a new web service designed to help family caregivers locate individuals with a dementia illness who become lost. Presenter Lakelyn Hogan, Caregiver Advocate, Home Instead Senior Care, will share information about the risks of wandering and what families need to know, identify triggers for wandering, and offer insight into potentially life-saving solutions. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, November 9, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**. Registration is free and this webinar include complimentary CEUs.

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

## The AiA17 Conference Announcement is Now Available Online

The AiA17 [conference announcement](#) is your comprehensive preview of all the sessions and events happening at ASA's Aging in America Conference. The conference, taking place in Chicago, March 20-24, will focus on innovation, including innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses, technologies, learning and more from across the field of aging. Register now to join this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults. You can earn up to 26 CEUs at no additional cost!

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

## National Center on Elder Abuse

### Elder Abuse Screening Tools for Healthcare Professionals

The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) recently released a new brief discussing elder abuse screening tools for healthcare professionals, which summarizes abuse screening instruments available to healthcare professionals in a variety of settings. The brief also provides an overview of the potential benefits and challenges of screening. It should be noted that the tools included in the brief are designed to be used by trained professionals in a healthcare setting.

[Click here](#) to view details.

## Justice in Aging

### Dignity Forum: Ensuring Economic Security as America Ages

Justice in Aging is hosting a special event in Washington, DC. Attendees will hear from three panels of academics, advocates, and direct service providers, who will share data and stories about their work with low-income older adults and offer policy recommendations to improve the health and economic security of this population. The event is free and will take place on **Tuesday, November 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m ET** at the Barbara Jordan Conference Center 1330 G Street, NW in Washington, DC.

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

## Events

### AARP Solutions Forum: Families Caring for an Aging America

AARP is hosting a Solutions Forum on the topic of "Families Caring for An Aging America: Current Landscape and Opportunities for the Future." The event will take place on



**Thursday, December 1, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET** at the Washington Court Hotel in D.C. The event includes a continental breakfast and discussion of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's report, Families Caring for an Aging America. The report recommends that the next presidential administration take steps to address the health, economic, and social issues facing family caregivers of older Americans. Hear from experts on the consensus committee that authored the report, and thought leaders who will react to the report's findings, recommendations, and calls-to-action.

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## Jobs & Internships

### **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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