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State Medicaid Integration Tracker: December 2016 Edition

NASUAD has published the [December 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 the tracker.

[Click here](#) to view comprehensive information for each state.

Webinar: Medicaid Managed Care for Long-Term Care Ombudsman

In Medicaid, managed care is a form of health care delivery and financing that aims to better manage cost, coordinate care, and improve quality. Managed care involves contracts between state Medicaid agencies and private managed care organizations, or MCOs, that are responsible for the delivery and coordination of services to beneficiaries. MCOs receive a capitated per-member per-month (PMPM) payment to cover the costs of these health care services. Over the past decade, state agencies have implemented managed care in increasing numbers, with total U.S. enrollment in Medicaid managed care reaching 55 million in 2014.

A significant amount of the recent managed care growth has focused on including long-term services and supports (LTSS). The rapid expansion of Managed LTSS has implications regarding the health care and social services provided to older adults and people with disabilities living in institutional settings and other LTSS facilities such as assisted living.

This webinar will cover basic information about the current status and future directions of state Medicaid Managed LTSS programs; key policy and operational considerations for professionals working with older adults enrolled in these programs; and future directions for these programs. The webinar will feature Damon

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Terzaghi, NASUAD's Senior Director for Medicaid Policy and Planning. The webinar will take place on **January 11, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Materials Available for the I&R Center Webinar on Supported Decision-Making

On December 6, 2016, the National I&R Support Center hosted 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 discussed what Supported Decision-Making means in practical, everyday terms; why it is important; and how it is emerging in practice within the United States. The presenter was Morgan Whitlatch, Legal Director for the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities and Lead Project Director of the National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making. Materials from this webinar are now available on the I&R Center Website, including the slides, audio, and transcript.

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

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.

Medicaid & CHIP: September 2016 Report

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for September 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.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Increased Reimbursement for Care Coordination

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs (OHNPP), in collaboration with consultant Tim McNeill, is hosting a business acumen webinar on Increased Reimbursement for Care Coordination and the Potential Impact on Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

This webinar will review the important role of care coordination in changing payment models, and the reimbursement update for care coordination starting January 1, 2017. As always, participants will also have ample opportunity to ask any other business acumen-related questions after the presentation. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, December 21, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

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

New SAMHSA Products Added to ACL Website

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has added several updates to their website. The updates include links to various Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) products including: Training for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/ No Wrong Door (NWD) staff; new epidemiological profiles for each of the 10 Health and Human Services (HHS) Regions; and the Get Connected Toolkit and video.

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

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS Releases FAQs Regarding Unsafe Wandering or Exit-Seeking Behavior

On December 15, 2016, CMS released a set of FAQs that discuss strategies that are compliant with the HCBS Settings regulation and can be used to ensure the health and welfare of HCBS participants who are at risk of wandering. The long-awaited FAQs focus primarily on how person-centered planning should be used to identify appropriate restrictions while facilitating individualized activities, supports, and access to the community.

CMS reiterates the person-centered planning issues throughout the entire document. Other areas of emphasis include adequate staffing to allow for various activities in and outside HCBS settings, proper staff training to identify issues and promote person-centered responses, and the establishment of programs and environments that engage participants, reduce overstimulation, and promote overall beneficiary wellness.

The FAQs address a number of important policy and operational considerations that HCBS providers should address when providing services to individuals with wandering behaviors or who are at risk of wandering.

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

CMS Issues Memorandum Regarding Long-Term Care Facilities

On December 9, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a memorandum regarding the enforcement of the pre-dispute binding arbitration agreement prohibition contained in the recent final rule Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities, which became effective November 28, 2016. On November 7, 2016, a U.S. District Court issued an order prohibiting enforcement of section 483.70(n)(1), which contains the provision banning pre-dispute arbitration agreement for long-term facilities receiving Medicare or Medicaid funds. In the December memorandum, CMS states that they will not enforcement section 483.70(n)(1) "until and unless the injunction is lifted."

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

CMS Releases MBES VIII Group Enrollment and Expenditure Data

On December 15, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released updated Medicaid enrollment data and preliminary expenditure data that states reported to CMS through the Medicaid Budget and Expenditure System (MBES). The **enrollment information** is a state-reported count of unduplicated individuals enrolled in the state's Medicaid program at any time during each month in the quarterly reporting period and includes new enrollment data from January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016. The preliminary **expenditure data** provides summary level data associated with Medicaid service expenditures reported by states on the Form CMS-64 in MBES for the period July 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015.

[Click here](#) to view the enrollment information.

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

Informational Bulletin on Personal Care Services

On December 13, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an information bulletin to the states and other stakeholders regarding personal care services (PCS). The bulletin "describes PCS, summarizes the program integrity vulnerabilities, and highlights safeguards state Medicaid agencies can put in place to strengthen program integrity in PCS without undermining beneficiary access to PCS, especially self-directed services."

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

From Other Organizations

AARP Foundation & IMPAQ

Implementing Food Security Screening and Referral for Older Patients in Primary Care

The AARP Foundation and IMPAQ International published a resource guide and toolkit regarding the implementation of food security screening and referral for older adults. This resource guide seeks to address some of the challenges of incorporating food security screening and referrals in primary care settings serving older adult patients. Intended for use by health care systems, clinics, and accountable care organizations, the guide synthesizes findings from case studies conducted with health systems that have incorporated food security screening and referral and an environmental scan identifying implementation strategies and methods for screening and referral.

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

Alliance of Information & Referral Systems

Call for Proposals Open for 2017 I&R Training & Education Conference

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has released the call for proposals for the 2017 Annual Information and Referral (I&R) Training and Education Conference. The conference is being held in Tampa, Florida, with pre-conference intensives on May 21 and the regular conference May 22-24, 2017. AIRS is seeking workshops addressing the breadth of I&R service delivery.

The Aging and Disability conference track offers a great opportunity to share developments and effective practices in serving older adults and persons with disabilities with I&R colleagues across the country. This track is coordinated by NASUAD's I&R Support Center, which strongly encourages aging and disability I&R agencies to review the call for proposals and consider a submission.

Topics such as family caregiving, mental health and substance abuse, disability across the lifespan, social determinants of health, cross-sector partnerships and collaboration (including ADRC and 2-1-1 partnerships), business acumen, partnering with health care entities, No Wrong Door system initiatives, ADRC funding and sustainability, use of new technologies in I&R, transportation, housing, and data collection and quality assurance are all examples of topics of interest in aging and disability I&R.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **February 10, 2017**. Send submissions for the Aging and Disability track to [Nanette Relave](#).

[Click here](#) to view the call for proposals.

[Click here](#) to view past presentation topics.

Center for Health Care Strategies

State Insights on Refining Integrated Care for Dually Eligible Beneficiaries

The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) recently released a brief called *State Insights on Refining Integrated Care for Dually Eligible Beneficiaries*, which highlights perspectives on the 14 states participating in CHCS' Implementing New Systems of Integration for Dually Eligible Enrollees (INSIDE) project. The report notes five key program improvements for states looking to enhance their care integration models: modifying care management models and requirements; improving beneficiary understanding of coordinated care; developing strategies to increase enrollment; enhancing administrative alignment between Medicare and Medicaid, and; supporting health plan sustainability.

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

Justice in Aging

Webinar: Addressing Dementia Care in HCBS Settings

Justice in Aging is hosting a free webinar on the topic of addressing dementia care in HCBS settings. This webinar will present promising practices in HCBS delivery for settings supporting individuals living with dementia, with a special focus on strategies for addressing wandering or exit-seeking behaviors. The webinar will include a discussion of how the federal and state governments are addressing the provision of supports to individuals living with dementia in the process of bringing states into compliance with the 2014 federal HCBS regulations. The material presented will be useful for advocates, service providers, and others with an interest in HCBS and dementia care. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

National Association of State Budget Officers

Fall 2016 Fiscal Survey of States

On December 13, 2016, the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) released the *Fall 2016 Fiscal Survey of States*. NASBO gathered data from all 50 states to use for this semi-annual report. States' enacted budgets for fiscal 2017 (the current fiscal year) project moderate general fund spending growth for the seventh consecutive year. However, progress since the Great Recession has been uneven, and many states are seeing softening state tax collections.

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

National Conference of State Legislatures

Work Matters: A Framework for States on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) released the report of the National Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities, *Work Matters: A Framework for States on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities*. The task force and resulting report are outcomes of CSG's and NCSL's involvement in the State Exchange on Employment and Disability (SEED) initiative, an ODEP-sponsored collaborative effort with state intermediary organizations to help state legislators address policy barriers that may hinder the employment of people with disabilities.

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

National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services

Registration is Open for the Self Direction Conference

Registration is now open for the Self Direction Conference. The National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPDS) has offered a biennial Financial Management Services (FMS) Conference for the past 10 years. With the NRCPDS' move to Applied Self Direction, they are building on the successful FMS Conference to host a Self Direction Conference. The Self Direction Conference will be held on May 8th and 9th, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore, MD.

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

Events

Registration Open: Annual Disability Statistics Compendium Release

Registration is now open for the State-of-the-Science Conference under the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC) will be held **February 13, 2017**, at the National Academy of Sciences Building in Washington DC. This conference, Disability Statistics: Lessons in Data Collection and Application to Policy and Practice, will discuss data collection strategies in the morning sessions and practical applications of disability data in the afternoon.

This year will feature a two-day event and combined the State of the Science conference with the release of the 2016 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium on February 14, 2017, also at

the National Academies of Sciences Building. The Compendium is a web-based tool that pools disability statistics published by various federal agencies together in one place. When working on legislative and other matters relating to persons with disabilities, the Compendium will make finding and using disability statistics easier. It will prove invaluable to your work.

[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.

Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation Seeks 2017 Public Policy Fellows

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is seeking exemplary professionals, and/or persons experiencing disability and/or family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are currently working or volunteering in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Each year the Foundation brings talented and accomplished professionals, family members (many of whom are both professionals and family members) and persons experiencing disability, particular people with intellectual disability, to Washington, D.C. for a full year where they actively participate in public policy development in the offices of a Member of Congress, Congressional committees, or federal agencies. Former Public Policy Fellows describe the Fellowship as a major turning point in their professional and personal lives. The experience is a unique chance to understand the intersection of public policy, disability advocacy, and the political process.

[Click here](#) to view the fellowship posting.

Grant Opportunities

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**.

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