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#### **States Move to Expand Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception**

To reduce unintended pregnancies and the costs associated with them, some states are implementing policies to increase the use of long-acting reversible contraception, or LARCs, among Medicaid enrollees. LARCs—such as intrauterine devices and subdermal contraceptive implants—are highly effective forms of birth control, with pregnancy rates of less than 1 percent within the first year. Experts and policymakers discussed successful initiatives to expand LARC use during a recent CSG eCademy webcast.

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#### **A Day in the Life of Wisconsin State Sen. Fred Risser**

Wisconsin state Sen. Fred Risser has seen—and won—many Election Days in his lifetime. For 60 years, the World War II veteran has tackled issues ranging from public safety and justice, to education and elections in the Wisconsin Capitol. And it appears that there is no slowing down for this practicing attorney and great-grandfather. Here is a (busy) day in the life of Wisconsin state Sen. Fred Risser.

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### **The Child Care Dilemma: Quality**

More than just a safe place for kids to spend their day while guardians are at work or school, early childhood education may contribute to future success and well-being, especially for children growing up in low-income households. The fourth of a five-part series on child care as a public policy question, this CSG research brief highlights child care quality in the states, including initiatives to measure and improve quality, and the development of a skilled early childhood education workforce.

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### **Entrepreneurship, Tax Incentives & Procurement for People with Disabilities**

State tax incentives and programs can help encourage employment of people with disabilities in the private and nonprofit sectors. This FREE CSG eCademy webcast will discuss incentives and focus on entrepreneurship strategies for individuals with disabilities and state supports for established business owners with disabilities. This is the second webcast in a four-part series presented by the National Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy.

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### **State Employee Mileage Reimbursement Rates 2016**

The federal mileage reimbursement rate in 2016 is 54 cents per mile, down 3.5 cents per mile from the 2015 rate but up 9.5 cents from the rate 10 years before—44.5 cents per mile on Jan. 1, 2006. Thirty-five states have a reimbursement rate that is the same as the federal rate. For those 15 states whose rates differ from the federal rate, reimbursement rates range from 31 cents to 52 cents per mile. No state reimburses at a rate higher than the federal rate.

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### **Facebook Campaign Increases Voter Registration in the States**

On Sept. 23, Facebook, the social media giant and member of the CSG Associates program, pushed out a banner message to its American users reminding them to register to vote. The message read "Are you registered to vote? Register now to make sure you have a voice in the election." This is not the first time Facebook has gotten involved in civic engagement, it has been reminding people to vote since the 2008 election.

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### **Workforce Development for People with Disabilities: Entrepreneurship, Tax Incentives & Procurement**

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. EST

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### **Workforce Development for People with**

**Disabilities: Transportation, Technology  
& Other Employment Supports**

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2 p.m. EST

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Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2 p.m. EST

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**CSG Overseas Voting Initiative Team  
Gets Out the Vote**

Members of CSG's Overseas Voting Initiative staff will help get out the vote tomorrow on Election Day. CSG OVI staff will serve as poll workers in Travis County, Texas, and as Election Day call center staffers for the Washington, D.C., Board of Elections. Since 2013, CSG has partnered with the U.S. Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program, or FVAP, to improve the voting process for U. S. military and overseas voters.

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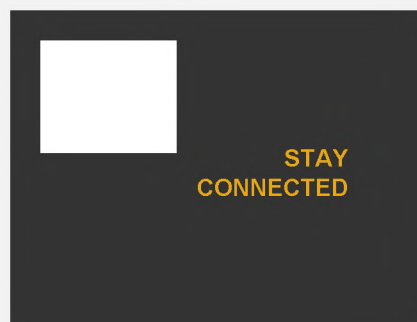
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