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NASUAD Published Updated State Medicaid Integration Tracker

NASUAD has published the January [2016 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.

[Click here](#) to sign up for alerts on Tracker updates.

Materials Now Available for I&R Center Webinar on MIPPA

The January National I&R Center Webinar gave participants an overview of MIPPA legislation and the Medicare savings programs, as well as highlights of the case studies used to identify promising practices for outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries. To learn about promising practices for providing outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries to increase enrollment in Medicare savings programs, NASUAD gathered information about MIPPA outreach efforts through the 2015 national survey of aging and disability I&R/A agencies.

Presenters were Brandy Bauer, Communications Manager, Center for Benefits Access, National Council on Aging and Linda Nakagawa, Policy Analyst, NASUAD. Materials from the webinar are now available online.

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

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

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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.

We are excited to announce our **Plenary Speaker, Terry Rich, CEO of the Iowa Lottery**. Mr. Rich is an expert at helping organizations realize that saying "it's always been done that way" is the biggest obstacle to allowing for substantive and meaningful change. Mr. Rich will inspire you to go back to your office and consider how you can improve the work you do.

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

AIRS Annual Information & Referral Conference Call for Proposals

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has released the call for proposals for the 2016 Annual Information and Referral (I&R) Training and Education Conference. AIRS is seeking workshops addressing the breadth of I&R service delivery. The Aging and Disability track provides a valuable 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, elder justice, mental health, aging with a disability, developments in home and community-based services, cross-sector partnerships and collaboration (including ADRC and 2-1-1 partnerships), No Wrong Door system building, ADRC funding and sustainability, use of technology in I&R, transportation, health coverage (Medicare and Medicaid coverage), and data collection and quality assurance are all topics of interest in aging and disability I&R.

The conference is being held in St. Louis, Missouri, with pre-conference intensives on May 22, 2016 and the regular conference May 23-25, 2016. Please contact [Nanette Relave](#) with any questions.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **Wednesday, February 10, 2016**. Send submissions for the Aging and Disability track to [Nanette Relave](#).

[Click here](#) to submit a proposal.

HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

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.

Employment, Transition, and Education Publications

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) announced the release of two new publications about employment, transition, and education for youth with disabilities. The publications are: "By Youth, for Youth: Employment," and "Supporting Families of Students with Disabilities in Postsecondary Education: Learning from the Voices of Families." These two publications reflect research from experts in disability, education, employment, and workforce development.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Final Chance to Submit Comments on Independent Living Proposed Rule

On Monday, November 16th, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) published a proposed rule that will consolidate and streamline Independent Living regulations. The rule will provide information on the new requirements from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA moved the Independent Living programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the rule reflects the new regulations that will apply under HHS. The proposed rule has been published in the Federal Register with a 60-day comment period. Comments must be made through Regulations.gov, which provides an accessible portal for information regarding regulations. All comments must be submitted by **Friday, January 15, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view the proposed rule.

[Click here](#) to submit a comment.

Social Security Administration

Webinar: Debunking Myths about Disability Benefits & Work

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is hosting a national Work Incentives Seminar Event (WISE) webinar on the Ticket to Work Program and Work Incentives for Social Security disability beneficiaries who are looking to earn more money. This webinar

will discuss some of the myths and misunderstandings about how working may affect your benefits. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, January 27, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m ET.**

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

From the White House

Virtual Big Block of Cheese Day

The White House is hosting its second Virtual Big Block of Cheese Day. This event provides a platform for the public to ask senior White House officials policy or non-policy questions. Participants will hear about the following topics: Housing in America; themes from the State of the Union; education, immigration, and Latino issues; climate, energy, and conservation; science, technology, engineering, and math; foreign policy; and health care. The event will take place on **Wednesday, January 21, 2016 from 9:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m ET.** You can share questions on Tumblr, Twitter, and Facebook using the hashtag #AsktheWH.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

From Other Organizations

American Society on Aging

Webinar: Making Elder Justice a Reality: The Federal and Philanthropic Perspectives

The American Society on Aging is hosting a webinar on the federal and philanthropic perspectives of making elder justice a reality. Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation are silent problems that rob older adults of their dignity, security, and-in some cases-their lives. Up to 5 million older Americans are abused every year, and the annual loss by victims of financial abuse is estimated to be at least \$2.6 billion. This webinar will teach attendees more about elder justice and how we can make a difference. Presenters Terry Fulmer, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., President of the John A Hartford Foundation in New York City and Kathy Greenlee, J.D., Administrator, Administration for Community Living and Assistant Secretary for Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will discuss promising new approaches and how we all can play a role in the solution. The webinar will take place **today, January 15, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Health Management Associates

Webinar: Medi-Cal 2020: What the State's 1115 Waiver Renewal Means

Health Management Associates is hosting a webinar on California Medi-Cal 2020. The webinar will feature business and policy experts explaining what the state's 1115 waiver renewal means for Medicaid providers, health plans, and patients. Presenters Michael Engelhard, Managing Principal; Warren Lyons, Principal; Jason Silva, Senior Consultant; and Margaret Tatar, Managing Principal, will provide a comprehensive overview of the waiver's various components, with an emphasis on the type of organizational structures, systems, and performance measurement capabilities providers and health plans will need to successfully compete in the state's emerging value-based environment. This webinar is recommended for executives of public and district/municipal hospitals, health systems, and safety net providers; Medicaid managed care plan executives; state and federal regulators and healthcare policy analysts; Medicaid directors and staff; and state and federal officials for public health. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Mature Market Resource Center

National Senior Health & Fitness Day Theme Contest

The 23rd annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day will be held on May 25th this year. National Senior Health and Fitness Day features health promotion events across the United States for older adults. Each year a theme contest is held as part of the event. A \$250 cash prize will be given to the winning submission. Please note the contest is open to all adults age 50 and older. Last year's winning theme was "If You Keep Moving, You'll Keep Improving!" and was submitted by a centenarian. The deadline to submit a theme is **Friday, January 22, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to submit a theme.

National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative

New Traumatic Brain Injury Population Specific Fact Sheet

The National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) released a new fact sheet on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), published by the American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) and authored by the Brain Injury Association of America. The fact sheet offers Navigators information about issues that specifically affect individuals who have TBI to assist

them with decisions related to healthcare coverage. This publication is part of a population specific fact sheet series that is intended to equip Navigators and other specialists with vital information for specific populations in the disability community.

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

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

Webinar: Understanding the Health Coverage Needs of People with Disabilities

The National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) is hosting a webinar on understanding the health coverage needs of people with disabilities. Along with a general overview of the resources available through NDNRC, the presentation will include the newest "Health Insurance Jeopardy" round which focuses on the population specific fact sheets the NDNRC released last year. The presentation will cover questions you need to be thinking about when assisting consumers with disabilities such as intellectual disabilities, mental illness, multiple sclerosis, paralysis and veterans. In addition, the presentation will look at some trends observed by the NDNRC and where there is opportunity for advocacy. This webinar is recommended for individuals assisting people enroll in health insurance in the ACA Marketplaces; Disability advocates; and people with disabilities & their caregivers. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, January 21, 2016, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Third Age Committee

Webinar Series on Dementia in Older Adults with IDD

The Third Age Committee, in partnership with the the Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center, is hosting a monthly 4-part webinar series on Dementia in Older Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities from January to April 2016. The topics include: Creating Dementia-Capable Spaces Through Sensory Awareness; Creating Dementia-Capable Care Through Awareness of Systems Issues; Behavior is Communication: Non-pharmacologic Interventions for Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD) in Adults with IDD; and Pharmacotherapy Considerations in the Treatment of Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD). The cost of each webinar is \$30 per computer access point or a \$90 package deal for all four webinars. The webinars will take place from **1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 23; Tuesday, March 15; and Tuesday, April 5.**

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

Jobs & Internships

Rogue Valley Council Seeks Director of Senior & Disability Services

The Rogue Valley Council of Governments is seeking a Director of Senior and Disability Services to manage all aspects of a comprehensive service delivery system for seniors and younger people with disabilities in southern Oregon. The Director of Senior and Disability Services is responsible for facilitating a team environment and leading the department through mutual respect and shared vision. Qualified applicants must have a minimum of 8 years of progressively responsible experience in a broad base of Human Services, Public Services, or Health Services, with at least 4 years at a management level, and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Human Services, Public Administration, Healthcare Administration, or a related field. Master's degree in Human Services or Public Administration is preferred. Interested, qualified candidates should apply without delay but all applications must be submitted by **Monday, February 1, 2016.**

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

Funding Opportunities

Inclusive Planning Impact Grant

The Transit Planning for All project has announced the availability of funding for community-based demonstration programs. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to encourage development of an inclusive coordinated transportation system in which people with disabilities and older adults actively participate in both advisory and decision-making capacities. While the intention is first and foremost the development of inclusionary processes and plans, the secondary expectation is that inclusion will result in identifiable and measurable changes in the transportation system that respond to the needs and preferences of older adults and people with disabilities.

To take advantage of this funding opportunity, communities should download both the request for proposals and the grant application form. All requirements stated in the application form must be met in order for an application to be considered. There will be a conference call to answer questions on the demonstration grants on **Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. ET.** Call toll-free: 866-906-9888; Passcode 2724141. Applications must be submitted by **11:59 PM ET on Friday, March 18, 2016.**

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

CMS Accountable Health Communities Grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation released a request for proposal (RFP) for an Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding opportunity for Accountable Health Communities (AHC), funding opportunity number CMS-1P1-17-001. The AHC model will test three community-focused interventions of varying intensity and their

ability to impact total health care costs and inpatient and outpatient health care utilization. There are different tracks- Increase Awareness, Provide Assistance, and Align Partners-with varying funding amounts available. Each track will run for a five year period. A letter of intent to apply is required and due by Monday, February 8, 2016. An electronic cooperative agreement application is due by **1:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 31, 2016.**

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

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Base Grant

The Administration for Community Living released the application for the the 2016 State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Base Grant Funding Opportunity. Congress created the SHIP in 1990 with the goal of assisting Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and their caregivers to make informed health insurance choices. There are currently 54 active SHIP grants; one in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The funds awarded through this application are for the FY 2016 budget period, April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017. Eligible applicants are states and United States territories that demonstrate their ability to provide the program through the state office of insurance, the state Medicaid office, or the department on aging. All applications must be submitted by **Monday, February 15, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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

Enhanced Training & Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program Grant

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has released the Fiscal Year 2016 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program solicitation. The program provides three year awards for up to a total of \$400,000 to local communities to address abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect against victims who are 50 years of age or older. Award funds must be used to organize training and cross-training for criminal justice and other professionals, develop services for older victims, and create or enhance a coordinated community response. All applications must be submitted by **Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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