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## From NASUAD

### Presentations Now Available from AIRS 2015 Conference

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) held its Annual I&R Training and Education Conference from May 27 to 30 in Dallas, Texas. All sixteen of the presentations from the Aging and Disability track sessions of the conference are now available from the National I&R Support Center on the NASUAD website. The presentations cover a range of issues, best practices, and field research, and are listed with a description and the presenters' information.

[Click here](#) to view the Aging and Disability track presentations.

### NASUAD Publishes Updated State Medicaid Integration Tracker

NASUAD has published the [June 2015 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.

[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.

### The HCBS Conference is Fast Approaching! Registration Today!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Washington, DC, **August 31-September 3**. The Conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and

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in all settings. Quickly becoming the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of HCBS and long-term services and supports, the Conference allows states to share best practices, present unique partnerships, and recognize the work of their peers.

The National HCBS Conference will include federal, state, and local policymakers and those who administer, manage, and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. The Conference always sees a strong presence from U.S. Health and Human Services ranging from the Administration for Community Living including AoA, Office of Disability, and IADD to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

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

## 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](http://www.nasuad.org/hcbs) for more information.*

### **Priced Out in 2014**

This report, by the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Housing Task Force, is a study of the severe housing affordability problems experienced by people with disabilities. *Priced Out* calculates the difference between what an individual receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) can reasonably afford to pay for housing costs and the average cost of modest housing units across the country. The report confirms that non-elderly adults with disabilities living on SSI confront an enormous housing affordability gap across America. The report provides data and figures from a number of cities in each state.

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

### **ADA Update: A Primer for State and Local Governments**

Published by the U.S. Department of Justice, this technical assistance guide aims to help State and local government offices apply Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to their programs, activities, and services. The illustrated primer details general nondiscrimination requirements and provides information on applying the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design to the built environment.

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

### **Regulatory Review of Adult Day Services**

Adult Day Services (ADS) are non-residential services provided outside an individual's home for less than a full day. ADS provides direct care to older adults and younger adults with

physical disabilities. This report from the Office of The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health & Human Services describes each state's approach to regulating this key community service. The report details different models, forms of regulation, and funding sources used by states to run ADS programs.

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

## From the Administration

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

#### Input on Physician Compare Wanted

On **Tuesday, June 23, 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET**, CMS will host a Virtual Office House session to discuss the [Physician Compare](#) website. CMS will answer stakeholders' questions about Physician Compare and public reporting. Participants can submit up to three questions either with registration or in a separate e-mail. All questions must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, June 15. Register for the session by email to the [Physician Compare support team](#). Participants should include their name, organization, telephone number, and email address in the registration email.

Feedback from consumer groups on the need for information on physician office accessibility and on the specific details that would be most useful to people with disabilities is of particular interest to CMS. Participants with questions about adding accessibility information to Physician Compare are encouraged to submit them in advance of the session to help ensure that CMS is prepared to respond.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Physician Compare Initiative.

#### Share Beneficiary Stories for the 50th Anniversary

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is looking for stories about how Medicare and Medicaid programs have changed the lives of Americans across the nation. To illustrate the faces of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, CMS is requesting the submission of personal stories to show how these health care programs change the lives of real families and impact communities across the country.

The stories will be used to help bring life to speeches and content on CMS websites, and some beneficiaries will be invited to share their stories at events or be interviewed for videos. Additionally, as part of the CMS celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the two programs, CMS is building a gallery exhibit that tells the stories of 50 beneficiaries - one story from each state. The exhibit, consisting of photos and stories, will be displayed at the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, DC.

[Click here](#) for a beneficiary story sharing form.  
[Click here](#) for a model release form.

## White House Conference on Aging

### How to Host a Watch Party

The 2015 White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) will be held **Monday, July 13, 2015**. As the conference will be live streamed online, the WHCOA encourages individuals and organizations to watch together. A conference [discussion guide](#) is available, and participants can engage in the Q&A in Washington DC via Twitter or Facebook.

[Click here](#) for more ways to get involved with the WHCOA.

## From Other Organizations

### AARP

#### Webinar: Care Coordination in Managed Long Term Services and Supports

Care coordination has been a focal point of managed long term services and supports (MLTSS), but the field faces rapid changes as many states move to expand Medicaid managed care. This webinar on **Wednesday, July 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**, will provide detailed information on the who, what, and why of care coordinators. In the webinar, the AARP Public Policy Institute (PPI) will release a major study by Truven Health Analytics and discuss its findings.

[Click here](#) to access registration and details on the webinar.

### Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging

#### Accepting Applications for the Innovation in Caregiving Award

The Innovation in Caregiving award recognizes individuals who, in caring for an older adult in a residential setting, have invented a device or technique that solves a caregiving challenge or have found a new application for an existing device or technique that supports caregiving of older adults. Individuals assisting younger individuals with disabilities may also be eligible for the award if their device or technique can be used to help care for adults aged 60 and older. Applications are due **June 30, 2015**. Up to three winners will receive \$1,000.

[Click here](#) to access the application and view previous winners.

## Institute for Educational Leadership

### Seeking ADA Generation Stories

As the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approaches, the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is collecting stories from the ADA Generation about what the Act means to them. The ADA Generation refers to youth and young adults who came of age since the passage of the ADA. Stories can be submitted in written (500 word maximum), graphic, or video (3 minute maximum) form. The stories will be published on the IEL website and shared on social media. Stories must be submitted to [finkd@iel.org](mailto:finkd@iel.org) by **July 1**.

[Click here](#) to learn more about submissions and the collection.

## Kaiser Family Foundation

### 50th Anniversary Medicare & Medicaid Materials

The Kaiser Family Foundation has produced and made available several resources related to the 50th anniversary of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. From their webpage, [Medicare & Medicaid at 50 and Beyond](#), there are videos, timelines, reports, and social media feeds. The materials highlight key milestones in both programs, offer personal stories from beneficiaries, and provide in-depth details at challenges, accomplishments, and outlooks for Medicare and Medicaid.

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

## National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

### Webinar: National Alzheimer's Project Act Update

This webinar on **Thursday, June 25 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET** will provide an update on the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA). The webinar will detail how NAPA relates to care and services for people with dementia and their caregivers as well as how the updates influence practice. Ms. Rohini Khillan of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services and NAPA will present the webinar. Please note the date of the webinar has changed from previous announcements (previously scheduled for June 11).

[Click here](#) to register.

## National Council on Aging

## Webinar: Medicare & End Stage Renal Disease: Benefits, Options, and Transitions Rules

Approximately 1% of all Medicare enrollees qualify for Medicare solely because they have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Separate from age- and disability-related Medicare, ESRD Medicare has specific rules about coverage and coordination of benefits. This webinar will discuss: when ESRD patients can enroll in Medicare; how other types of insurance coverage work with ESRD Medicare; drug coverage after a kidney transplant; and how the Health Insurance Marketplace works for ESRD patients. Nora Moran, Education Associate with the Medicare Rights Center, will present the webinar on **Wednesday, June 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making

### Webinar: Supported Decision-Making and the ABLE Act

On **Wednesday, June 17, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. ET**, the National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making will host a webinar on questions surrounding ABLE Accounts. Because the beneficiary of an ABLE account is also the owner of the account, eligible individuals with significant disabilities are now able to rethink their future goals regarding work, savings, and investment. Over 25 states are now working with legislation concerning the establishment and administration of ABLE accounts. The webinar is the third in a three-part series on supported decision-making.

[Click here](#) for details on the webinar and registration.

## National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging

### Funding Opportunity: Building Business Capacity of Senior Nutrition Programs

Eight competitive mini-grants of \$10,000 each are being offered to Senior Nutrition Programs to better prepare them for entering into healthcare contracts. The funding and technical assistance opportunity is designed to strengthen the business acumen and align service capabilities for programs to negotiate, either directly or as a part of a bundle of community-based services, healthcare contracts. Eligible applicants are Senior Nutrition Programs that currently receive funding from the Older Americans Act for Title III Part C - Nutrition Services or Title VI Grants for Native Americans to provide meals and other nutrition services to older adults in the community. Applications are due by **Tuesday, June 30** and can be submitted through the Meals on Wheels

America online grant system.

[Click here](#) for more details on eligibility and the funding.

## Events

### **2015 Consumer Voice Annual Conference**

The Consumer Voice Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC, **November 4-7, 2015**. Registration is now open, and those who register before July 10 will receive a discount. The 2015 Conference offers attendees policy updates from key experts, information on best practices nationwide, and takeaways to help put systems or individual advocacy into effective action.

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

## Job & Internship Postings

### **President & CEO Posting with AAPD**

AAPD is seeking applicants for the position of President and CEO of the non-profit organization. The AAPD CEO, with direction from the board of directors, is responsible for advancing the AAPD mission of promoting equal opportunity, economic power, independent living, and political participation for people with disabilities. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of five years experience in management, fundraising, and fiscal oversight.

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

### **Posting for Director of Federal Affairs at PHI**

This job posting is an opportunity to lead PHI's federal policy program, which works at the intersection of low-income workforce development and eldercare/disability services. The Director will work closely with the Vice President of Policy and the Policy Team to set federal policy priorities, strategic plans, and legislative and regulatory strategies. Qualified applicants should have at least five years federal government experience and three years of policy experience. The application period will close **Friday, July 24**.

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

### **AARP Public Policy Institute Opening for VP of LTSS/Livable Communities**

AARP Public Policy Institute (PPI) is accepting applications for the position of Vice President, Livable Communities and Long Term Services and Supports. The position involves management of diverse policy analysis and leadership of innovative Enterprise-

priority partnerships. Applicants with expertise in LTSS financing are preferred. Qualified candidates will have a Master's degree and at least 10 years experience in policy and/or research initiatives as well as extensive management experience.

[Click here](#) to view the full posting and learn how to apply.

## Senior Position with NASHP

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is looking for a Program Director to work on evaluations of the state demonstrations to integrate care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. The Program Director is responsible for leading the qualitative evaluation of demonstrations in several states. The position is also responsible for program development and management in other areas of state health policy. The position is based in Washington, DC.

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