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## From NASUAD

### NASUAD State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Report

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) published a new report that offers data from the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program organizational structure survey that was conducted in early 2015. This survey was conducted through one-on-one telephone interviews with each State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Information for the survey focused on four basic topic areas: Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, management of regional/ district/ local program offices, volunteers, and comments regarding current structure. The report includes a standard organizational structure chart and a flow structure with more detailed information regarding roles and responsibilities for all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

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

### NASUAD I&R Center Webinar: Disability & Rehabilitation Resources

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on Disability and Rehabilitation Resources that attendees can use to help consumers with disabilities of all ages. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 20, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

If your agency and your partners are looking for good, evidence-based programs, tools, and materials that can help clients with disabilities, then this webinar is for you! The grantees of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) generate a wealth of ready-to-use guides, tools, webinars, and more for everything from creating welcoming congregations to testing the accessibility of the local health club. Our presenter, Jessica Chaiken, Media and Information Services Manager, HeiTech Services, Inc. for the National Rehabilitation Information Center, will sample the diverse library of NIDILRR-funded resources that your agency can use right now to help people with disabilities live independently, and show you where to find more. This webinar is an encore presentation of a session given at the 2016 AIRS I&R Conference. **Pre-registration is required for this webinar.** Space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

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## Registration for the 2016 HCBS Conference is Open!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Washington, DC, August 29 - September 1. 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 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 AIDD) to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

[Click here](#) to view details 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.*

## Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Report

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

## From the Administration

## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



## Addendum to 2016 Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide

On Friday, July 1, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published an informational bulletin to announce an addendum to the 2016 Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide. The revision is in response to the publication of the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care Final Rule (CMS-2390-F, 81 FR 27498) on May 6, 2016. The bulletin discusses the provisions of the final rule that took effect on July 5, 2016 as well as the inclusion of new managed care requirements within states' 2016 rate development

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

## Departments of Labor and Education

### Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Regulations Release

On Thursday, June 30, 2016, the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education announced the advanced posting of five rules implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA legislation is designed to strengthen and improve the public workforce system and help get Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers as well as help employers hire and retain skilled workers. The five rules will be published in the Federal Register in the coming weeks.

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-Stop System Joint Provisions; Final Rule
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Department of Labor-Only Final Rule
- Programs and Activities Authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Final Rule
- State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program; State Supported Employment Services Program; Limitations on Use of Subminimum Wage; Final Rule
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Miscellaneous Program Changes; Final Rule

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

## From Other Organizations

Altarum Institute

## How Can Pharmacists Help Prevent Falls

On Wednesday, July 6, 2016, the Altarum Institute published the blog, "How Can Pharmacists Help Prevent Falls among Their Older Patients?" The post discusses the repercussions of falls for older adults, such as life-altering injuries, physical and emotion distress, and loss of independence. The authors also describe the opportunities that pharmacists can contribute to fall prevention through medication management.

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

## Gerontological Society of America

### World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics Call for Abstracts

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) is hosting the 2017 World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics and has issued a call for abstracts. The conference is scheduled for July 23 - 27, 2017, in San Francisco, California. Over 6,000 thought leaders, industry pioneers, scientists, researchers, and innovators from across multiple disciplines in the field of aging are expected to attend. The event is convened every four years, and the last time it was hosted in the United States was 32 years ago. This is a unique opportunity for presenters to share their work with a large national and international audience of experts in aging.

Submissions are due by **Friday, July 15, 2016.**

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

## National Aging and Disability Business Center

### Webinar: Finding Champions and Building Partnerships

The National Aging and Disability Business Center, a collaboration of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and (n4a) and the American Society on Aging (ASA), has an upcoming webinar entitled "Finding Champions and Building Partnerships between CBOs and Healthcare Entities." This seminar will provide practical strategies that can enable community-based organizations (CBOs) to establish positive working relationships with physician groups, hospitals and health plans. Engaging champions is likely necessary to form relationships, move a relationship to a pilot or ongoing contract, and ensure the program's success after the contract has been signed. The webinar will describe typical sources of resistance and successful strategies to combat it, based on the presenters' successful efforts.

[Click here](#) to register.

# National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

## Webinar: Legal Planning Essentials for Persons with Dementia

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) is hosting the upcoming webinar, "It is all about the Future: Legal Planning Essentials for Persons with Dementia." During this session, participants will 1) review the benefits of legal planning for the future of a person with dementia, 2) review the urgency and obstacles of legal planning for persons with dementia, and 3) learn how supported decision making principles interact with legal planning to ensure choices made reflect the wishes of the person with dementia. The session is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## National Council on Aging

### September is Senior Center Month

Every September, the National Council on Aging's National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) sponsors "Senior Center Month." This year's theme is "Find Balance at Your Center". Senior Month is intended to highlight the opportunities that senior centers provide for older adults to be engaged physically, mentally, and emotionally in the community. NISC published Senior Center Month materials, including their Senior Center Month program guide to provide ideas for celebration activities. In addition, NISC is hosting their annual national conference for senior centers on Monday, September 26 to Wednesday, September 28.

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

## National Quality Forum

### Home and Community Based Services Quality Measure Comments

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is convening a stakeholder committee to develop recommendations for the improvement of quality measurements of home and community based services (HCBS). NQF released the third interim report, "Addressing Performance Measure Gaps in Home and Community Based Services to Support Community Living: Priorities for Measure Development," to guide the changes of future quality measures. NQF encourages individuals to view the report and make comments by **Friday, July 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. ET.**

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



## Oral Health America

### **Webinar: Barriers to Food Access: Experiences by Older Adults**

The Wisdom Tooth Project, an Oral Health America Program, hosts a monthly webinar series to provide a forum for organizations to share information about initiatives and activities related to older adults. The upcoming session, "Barriers to Food Access: Experiences by Older Adults," will discuss the issue of food insecurity as it relates to older adults. The presentation will cover topics such as causes of food insecurity, preparing meals, nutrition, barriers to food access programs, and measurement issues. The webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 26, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## UnitedHealthcare Community & State

### **Quality Improvement for Individuals with I/DD: A Proposed Framework**

This week at the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities' (NACDD) Annual Conference in Washington, DC, UnitedHealthcare Community & State released a White Paper unveiling a proposed quality framework for managed care programs serving individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (ID/DD). The framework, developed by UnitedHealthcare's National Advisory Board, extends beyond traditional clinical measures to benchmark the quality of the "services and supports" delivered in these programs to measure how these programs address individuals' quality of life.

The measures are person-centered, outcomes-focused, and adoptable in any Medicaid program in which services for individuals with ID/DD are in a managed care delivery system. The White Paper calls consumers, advocates, and policymakers to action to implement consistent quality frameworks across the country to improve the ability to measure the quality of these programs both over time and across states, which cannot be done today.

Donna Meltzer, CEO of NACDD, is a member of the National Advisory Board and was instrumental in the development of both the framework and the White Paper. Martha Roherty, Executive Director of NASUAD, is also a member of the National Advisory Board and participated in the NACDD conference, voicing her endorsement of the ID/DD framework on the Opening Plenary panel.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, you can send an email to [IDDQuality@UHC.com](mailto:IDDQuality@UHC.com).

[Click here](#) to view the white paper.

# University of New Hampshire, Kessler Foundation, Association of University Centers on Disabilities

## Webinar: nTIDE Lunch and Learn

The Employment Policy & Measurement Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (EPM-RRTC) at the University of New Hampshire, in partnership with Kessler Foundation and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), have launched a monthly webinar. On the first Friday of every month, there will be a live broadcast via Zoom webinar to share the results of the latest nTIDE findings, based upon the Bureau of Labor statistics jobs report. Additionally, the monthly webinars will feature news and updates from the field of Disability Employment and a discussion from an invited panelist on current disability related findings and events. The next nTIDE webinar is scheduled for **Friday, July 8, 2016, at 12:00 p.m ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## Jobs & Internships

### Virginia Seeks Director for Division for the Aging

The Division for the Aging within the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) is seeking a Director. The Division promotes the independence and well-being of older Virginians and supports their caregivers through leadership, advocacy, and oversight of state and community programs, and guides the Commonwealth in preparing for an aging population.

Qualifications include extensive experience in aging or human services programs administration and management; extensive experience managing diverse, geographically dispersed programs, and developing policies and objectives to accomplish goals; demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with individuals from diverse social and economic environments and groups with different needs and issues; demonstrated ability to communicate information effectively in writing and verbally; demonstrated ability to organize and manage multiple and sometimes unrelated responsibilities and to establish priorities; proficient in the use of MS Office, including Excel, PowerPoint, Publishing, Word and Outlook. Applications are due by **Friday, July 15, 2016.**

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

### TMG seeks Long Term Care Screening Specialist

TMG is seeking a Screening Specialist who lives in Chippewa County, Price County, Rusk County or Taylor County, Wisconsin to be responsible for completing the Adult Long-Term Care Functional Screens (LTC-FS) for participants of the IRIS program. This includes completing annual re-screens and any

change in condition screens. The Screening Specialist will use the Adult LTC-FS tool for IRIS participants as required and outlined in the Wisconsin Adult LTC-FS Instructions. This includes completing collateral contacts to verify screen findings with IRIS Consultants, MAPC agencies and day programs, and verifying diagnosis information with physicians and or SSA. Screening Specialists are also responsible for tracking screening requests electronically and participating in the development, process improvement, and ongoing quality management of the services provided. Applications are due by **Friday, July 29, 2016**.

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

## Funding Opportunities

### Community-Based Palliative Care Delivery for Adult Patients with Advanced Illnesses and their Caregivers

The Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) posted a notice of an upcoming funding opportunity to: a) support care planning for adult patients with advanced illnesses over time that is consistent with the goals and preferences of adult patients and their caregivers, and b) support the delivery of coordinated, community-based palliative care that effectively implements those care plans. PCORI seeks to fund multiple, large, multi-site, community-based comparative effectiveness research (CER) studies to generate evidence in support of this goal. The funding announcement will be released in August 2016. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**.

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

An applicant town hall session will be held to provide an overview of PCORI and information needed to submit a LOI. The session is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 13, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to register.

### Wyoming Seeks HCBS System

The Wyoming Department of Health is seeking a contractor to provide a commercial off the shelf (COTS) system, or previously developed system that is operational and configurable, to support Wyoming's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Programs. The system will replace the current Electronic Medicaid Waiver System (EMWS) that is used to manage the state's five Medicaid Waiver Programs. The Agency's vision is to acquire a system that contains the functionality of the current EMWS and incorporates the functionality for medical assessments, currently housed in the Public Health Nurse Informatics System (PHNI), and functionality for provider enrollment, re-enrollment, credentialing, re-credentialing, certification, and re-certification, currently housed in the Information Management for Providers System (IMPROV). The awarded contract will include three base years beginning on January 1, 2017, or when the transition phase criteria are met.



Three additional one year extensions will be available based on the vendor and system performance. Proposals will be accepted through the Public Purchase online bidding system until **Monday, July 18, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to access the Public Purchase System.

## Partnerships in Employment Systems Change

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released the Partnerships in Employment Systems Change grant. The purpose of the funding opportunity is to encourage state partnerships and systems change efforts that will contribute to the 1) the development of policies that support competitive employment in integrated settings as the first and desired outcome for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities including intellectual disabilities; 2) the removal of systemic barriers to competitive employment in integrated settings; 3) the implementation of strategies and best practices that improve employment outcomes for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and 4) enhanced statewide collaborations that can facilitate the transition process from secondary to post-secondary school, or other pre-vocational settings, to complete employment in integrated settings. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, public and private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, nonprofit organizations, and public housing authorities. All applications are due by **Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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

## Building the Business Capacity of Community-Based Aging and Disability Networks for Integrated Services Partnerships

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announced two new funding opportunities that seek to expand the readiness of community-based aging and disability organizations (CBO) for contracting with integrated care entities, and prepare state agencies and CBOs to be active stakeholders and partners in the development and implementation of integrated care systems.

The Learning Collaboratives for Advanced Business Acumen Skills initiative is intended to achieve the following tasks: organize and conduct three to five topically-based action learning collaboratives to address issues such as continuous quality improvement, infrastructure and technology, generating and maintaining volume, data pooling, and more; provide targeted technical assistance to networks of CBOs; and create knowledge and capture insights through these collaboratives to incorporate into future curriculum for national dissemination.

The purpose of the Business Acumen for Disability Organizations initiative is to develop baseline knowledge about the content and infrastructure needs of CBOs through surveys and feasibility studies; and utilize a learning collaborative model to provide targeted technical assistance to up to 15 state coalitions of CBOs that seek to build their business capacity to contract with health care entities (e.g. hospitals, health systems, accountable care

organizations, managed/integrated care plans).

The original closing date for both applications was Monday, July 11, 2016. ACL extended the closing date to **11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, July 28, 2016, for both applications.**

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

## Disability Employment Initiative

The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administrated announced a new grant opportunity, the Round VII of the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI). The purpose of the program is to provide funding to expand the capacity of American Job Centers (AJCs) to improve the employment outcomes of three population focus areas: 1) adults with visible and non-visible disabilities, including those who have acquired disabilities in adulthood; 2) youth with visible and non-visible disabilities, including those who have chronic health conditions; and 3) individuals (ages 14 and older) with significant disabilities. The DEI plans to accomplish this by increasing participation in career pathways systems and existing programs in the public workforce system in partnership with vocational rehabilitation, community colleges and other education, human service, and business partners. Capitalizing on the flexibility that the career pathways model provides to use innovative service delivery strategies, grantees will use the award to support job-driven approaches in their pre-existing career pathway systems and programs. This will further equip individuals with disabilities with the skills, competencies, and credentials necessary to help them obtain in-demand jobs, increase earnings, and advance their careers. The Department intends to award at least one cooperative agreement in each of three population focus areas. Applications are due by **Monday, August 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## New York Seeks HCBS Contractor

The New York State's Department of Health (DOH), Office of Health Insurance Programs, Division of Long Term Care has issued a request for proposals to hire a contractor to help the State implement their [Statewide Transition Plan](#) required under the federal [HCBS Waiver Rule](#) (CMS 2249-F/CMS 2296-F). The contractor will work to ensure that settings across all agencies serving individuals with disabilities are compliant with the new rule. This is a three-year contract to ensure compliance across the State by March 17, 2019. The contractor will assist state personnel in assessing and remediating residential and non-residential settings to ensure that they meet the requirements of the HCBS rule where Medicaid-funded home and community based services are provided under the authorities of 1915(c), 1915(k) and the 1115 waiver demonstration.

Activities will include: 1) Site visits to assess compliance; implement corrective actions plans, when necessary; and ensure that compliance has been achieved; 2) Participant and stakeholder interviews to ensure that individual's receiving Medicaid-funded HCBS are receiving person-centered care and that any modifications to settings are appropriately individualized; 3) Data collection and reporting to ensure that the State is carrying out its Statewide Transition Plan; 4) Identifying sites that will require an additional federal review called



"heightened scrutiny" in order to be allowed as sites for participants in Medicaid-funded HCBS to live and/or receive services (sites that are presumed institutional); 5) Compiling evidence packages that include public comment on all sites presumed to be institutional under the rule to show that they have the characteristics and qualities of an appropriate home and community based setting; and 6) Establishing a monitoring plan and tools using the State's existing surveillance schedules and staff to ensure ongoing compliance. Submissions are due by **Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET.**

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