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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healthy Connections Prime Ombudsman Program

Healthy Connections Prime Ombudsman services provided through the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging are available for Healthy Connections Prime members in a Medicare-Medicaid plan. Healthy Connections Prime provides the same benefits as Medicare and Healthy Connections Medicaid. Extra benefits that are not usually covered by those programs **may** be available through the selected Healthy Connections Medicare-Medicaid plan. The additional benefits and services vary by Healthy Connections Medicare-Medicaid plans. Contact the Healthy Connections Prime Ombudsman Program for assistance at 1-844-477-4632 (TTY: 711) Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit **www.healthyconnectionsprimeadvocate.com** for more information.

ID/RD Waiver Renewal Public Summary

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) has posted a summary all of public comments received on the proposed five-year renewal of the Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD) home and community-based waiver program and the ID/RD Waiver Transition plan. To view the Summary of Comments, collected August 2014-September 2015, please click **here**.

SC DHHS, Division of Appeals and Hearings Launches New Webpage

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Appeals and Hearings, has launched a new webpage. You can now file your appeal online and make requests to reschedule or cancel hearings and withdraw appeal requests at **<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/appeals/>**. The new webpage also provides information on the process of filing an appeal and going to a hearing.

2014-2015 Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report: Advancing Research Toward a Cure

A new online report provides an overview of recent National Institutes of Health-funded research advances and initiatives in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Issued by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at NIH, the annual report—*2014-2015 Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report: Advancing Research Toward a Cure*—discusses research momentum under the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, describes research opportunities, and summarizes scientific advances in several areas. Click **here** to read the full report.

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

The South Carolina Bar sponsors free legal clinics around the state. There will be various clinics throughout the month of January and February focusing on the following topics: Wills, Estates and Probate; Senior Scams; End of Life Issues and Senior Issues. For more information about the clinics, or to schedule a clinic for your organization, contact Debbie Morris at debbie.morris@scbar.org. You can find the schedule **here**.

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