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## From NASUAD

### **I&R Center Webinar: Data & Outcomes: National Survey Findings**

The National Information & Referral Center is hosting a webinar on Data and Outcomes: National Survey Findings. As I&R/A professionals know, good data is critical to achieving good outcomes for the individuals and families that you serve. As part of a data study for the state of Colorado, NASUAD recently conducted a national survey of State Agencies on Aging and Disabilities and Medicaid Agencies to assess the status of data collection and outcome measurement for services for older adults and persons with disabilities, and to highlight important trends, developments and practices. The survey also touched upon structure and location of ADRC/SEP/NWD systems. Join us on November 2 to hear about these key findings, including information on systems for consumer access to long-term services and supports. NASUAD's Senior Director Damon Terzaghi will present. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 2, 2016, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET**. Pre-registration is required.

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

### **NASUAD Seeks Senior Director of Business Acumen for Disability CBOs Center**

NASUAD is seeking a Senior Director to manage the Business Acumen for Disability Community Based Organizations Center.

The Senior Director will have the responsibility for the overall programmatic and administrative functions of this new three-year federal grant. Key responsibilities will be coordination of partner agencies, leadership and management of the learning collaborative, coordination of technical assistance trainings and tools for the project, and establishing strong partnerships with integrated health plans.

The successful candidate will be college-educated (Master's preferred), and have strong leadership, written and oral communication skills, as well as analytical capabilities.

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

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## **NASUAD Seeks Research Assistant/ Communications Assistant**

NASUAD is seeking a Research Assistant/Communications Assistant to assist with multiple grant and project deliverables. Responsibilities include assisting to create online trainings, member communications and surveys, website and social media updates, and research and analysis of legislation/policies.

The successful candidate will be a college graduate, and have strong written and oral communication skills and analytical capability. Knowledge of website and survey tools and an advanced understanding of Microsoft Excel is a plus.

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

## **Check Out the NASUADiQ Online Learning Center**

NASUADiQ is an online learning center where individuals can take courses for free on a myriad of topics. It is designed to help strengthen participants' knowledge of the aging and disability networks. Our online courses provide overviews and analyses of systems and services that impact older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. We have many educational courses on topics including: Adult Protective Services; Affordable Housing for Older Adults and People with Disabilities; Developing Cultural Competence to Serve a Diverse Aging Population; Disability for I&R Specialists; Essential Components of the Aging Information & Referral/Assistance Process; Elder Abuse; the Independent Living Movement; Medicaid; and MIPPA.

[Click here](#) to explore NASUADiQ.

## **HCBS Clearinghouse**

*This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit [www.nasud.org/hcbs](http://www.nasud.org/hcbs) for more information.*

## **Medicaid Enrollment & Spending Growth: FY 2016 & 2017**

Kaiser Family Foundation released a new issue brief titled, "Medicaid Enrollment & Spending Growth: FY 2016 & 2017." The implementation of Medicaid Expansion in the Affordable Care Act influenced the growth of Medicaid spending. The brief explores these trends using survey data provided by the Medicaid directors in all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

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

## **From the Administration**

## Administration for Community Living

### **NIDILRR Seeking Input to Guide Strategic Planning**

The Administration for Community Living's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) is seeking comments and will be hosting several listening sessions across the country to help inform future funding priorities and strategic direction. NIDILRR is mandated by Congress to develop a long-range plan every five years. Public meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. local time in Denver, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, and Dallas.

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

[Click here](#) to submit written comments.

## Department of Health and Human Services

### **Office of Inspector General's Advisory on Medicaid Fraud and Patient Harm**

On October 3, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) released an advisory to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on Medicaid fraud and patient harm involving personal care services. The OIG "found significant and persistent compliance, payment, and fraud vulnerabilities." Additionally they recommend improvement in oversight and monitoring of personal care services in all fifty states.

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

## Social Security Administration

### **National Disability Forum: Telehealth & Telemedicine**

The Social Security Administration is hosting the 5th National Disability Forum to discuss "Exploring Opportunities to Advance the Disability Program through Telehealth and Telemedicine." It will take place at the National Education Association which is located at 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. and via teleconference. Dr. David Brennan, Director, Telehealth Initiatives, MedStar Institute for innovation will moderate the discussion. The other speakers include: Alan H. Dinesman, M.D., Medical Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kathy Wibberly, Ph.D., Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center at University of Virginia Telehealth Resource Center; and Kofi Jones, Vice President of Government Affairs, American Well. The forum is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

# From Other Organizations

## Allsup

### Webinar: True Help Claiming Power to Improve Your Finances

Allsup will be hosting a webinar, "[True Help Claiming Power to Improve Your Finances](#)" to help individuals with chronic illness and disability take manageable steps to improve their financial outlook and quality of life. Join the National Stroke Association, Colon Cancer Alliance, Caregiver Action Network and Allsup live on **Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 12:00 p.m., CT.**

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

## Center for Health Care Strategies

### Request for Applications to State Oral Health Leadership Institute

The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) has put out a request for applications to the State Oral Health Leadership Institute (SOHLI), a 12-month professional development program for pairs of state Medicaid dental program directors and state oral health program directors.

SOHLI, led by CHCS and supported by the DentaQuest Foundation, offers a unique opportunity to bring together Medicaid and public health colleagues to focus on improving oral health access and outcomes for low-income children and adults. It will provide training in leadership, policy, and cross-agency collaboration tailored for each participating team. The program curriculum will address the current oral health environment at both the federal and state levels, with a focus on three key areas: fundamentals of Medicaid dental benefit design; leadership and organizations skills; and a joint transformation project.

Applications must be submitted in partnership by a state's Medicaid dental program director and state oral health program director (or individuals in equivalent positions) by **November 30, 2016**. CHCS will select up to five state pairs as SOHLI Fellows for the 2017 calendar year. If you have any questions, please contact [Stacey Chazin](#).

[Click here](#) to view the request for applications.

## Kaiser Family Foundation

### Medicaid Report: Implementing Coverage and Payment Initiatives

Kaiser Family Foundation and Health Management Associates released a report about implementing coverage and payment initiatives in Medicaid. The data for this report was collected

from the 16th annual budget survey completed by the Medicaid directors and Medicaid staff in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Included in the report is information on the policy changes to the Medicaid programs in each state that were implemented in FY 2016 or planned for implementation in FY 2017.

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

## National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

### **Webinar: Introduction to the Revised Federal Nursing Home Regulations**

The National Consumer Voice for Long-Term Care is hosting a webinar on the revised federal nursing home regulations. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) just released its revised nursing home regulations. These regulations are dramatically different from the previous regulations, and will impact the lives and care of nursing home residents for years to come. Consumers and advocates alike need to know what is new and what has remained the same. Speakers for the webinar include: Karen Tritz, Director, Division of Nursing Homes, Survey and Certification Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Eric Carlson, Directing Attorney, Justice in Aging; Toby Edelman, Senior Policy Attorney, Center for Medicare Advocacy; and Robyn Grant, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Consumer Voice. The webinar will take place on **Friday, October 21, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. ET.**

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

## National Council on Disability

### **National Disability Policy: A Progress Report- October 2016**

On October 7, the National Council on Disability (NCD) released the October 2016 National Disability Policy Progress Report. NCD is mandated to report annually on disability policy in key areas. The report includes information about information and communication technology (ICT), assistive technology (AT), and calls for a Technology Bill of Rights for People with Disabilities to clarify how existing federal legislation applies to both.

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

## Events

## AUCD 2016 Conference

The AUCD 2016 Conference, "Navigating Change: Building our Future Together," highlights both the change that comes at the end of a Presidential term as well as our need to work together to create a future in which children and adults with disabilities are able to participate fully in all aspects of life as valued members of their communities. Join us to engage in powerful, important, and inspiring personal and professional discourse on December 4-7 in Washington, DC.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

## 2017 Aging in America Conference

The American Society on Aging's 2017 Aging in America Conference will be held in Chicago from **March 20th - 24th**.

The focus of AiA17 is innovation, including innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses, technologies, learning and more from across the field of aging. Register now to join this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults. The early-bird discount ends on October 31, 2016.

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

# Jobs & Internships

## Michigan Seeks Senior Deputy Director of Aging and Adult Services

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Senior Deputy Director of Aging and Adult Services. The incumbent in this position provides leadership and managerial oversight to the organizational components of the Adult and Aging Services Administration. This position serves as a member of the MDHHS Senior Leadership Team. Qualified applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in any major and two years experience as a director of a division. All applications must be received by **October 18, 2016**.

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

## 2017 AAPD Summer Internship Program

AAPD has announced the opening of applications for the 2017 Summer Internship Program. The AAPD Summer Internship Program develops the next generation of leaders with disabilities and offers host employers access to a talented, diverse workforce. Each summer, AAPD places college students, graduate students, law students, and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in paid 10-week summer internships in Congressional offices, federal agencies, non-profit, and for-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area.

Each intern is matched with a mentor who will assist them with their career goals. AAPD provides the interns with a stipend, transportation to and from Washington, DC, and fully-accessible

housing. All applications must be received by **November 7, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view the internship announcement.

# Funding Opportunities

## CMS

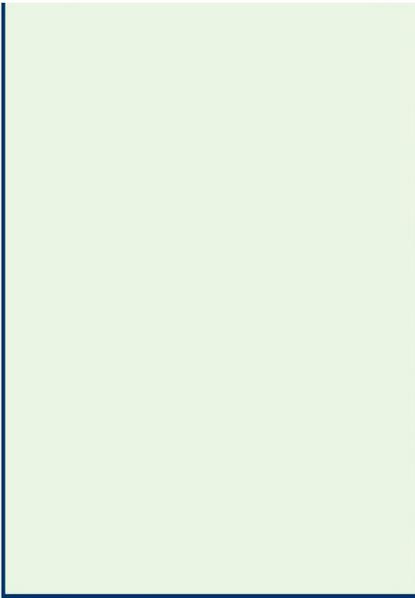
### **CMS Announces a New Funding Opportunity for Track 1 of the Accountable Health Communities Model**

CMS, in January 2016, released a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for a model called the Accountable Health Communities (AHC). This Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation model focuses on the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The AHC Model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. The original FOA requested applications for three different scalable tracks featuring interventions of varying intensity that would address health-related social needs for beneficiaries. After receiving inquiries and stakeholder feedback, CMS has decided to make modifications to the Track 1 application requirements and is releasing a new FOA specific to Track 1 of the AHC Model. Track 1 will support bridge organizations to increase a patient's awareness of available community services through screening, information dissemination, and referral. Track 1 award recipients will partner with the state Medicaid agency, community service providers and clinical delivery sites to implement the Model. The modifications to the Track 1 application include the following: (1) Reducing the annual number of beneficiaries applicants are required to screen from 75,000 to 53,000; and (2) Increasing the maximum funding amount per award recipient from \$1 million to \$1.17 million over 5 years.

Under this announcement, CMS is accepting applications from community-based organizations, health care practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations, and for-profit and non-profit local and national entities with the capacity to develop and maintain relationships with clinical delivery sites and community service providers. All applicants, including those who applied to Tracks 1, 2 or 3 in the previous FOA, are eligible to apply to this FOA.

**Applicants that previously applied to Track 1 of the AHC Model under the original FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-001) must re-apply using this FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-002) to be considered for the Model.**

The AHC Model is accepting applications for Track 1 at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) through **November 3, 2016**. For more information about the AHC Model, visit CMS at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>.



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