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From the Administration

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Informational Bulletin on the 2017 Poverty Level Standards

CMS has released an Informational Bulletin on the updated poverty guidelines. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) updates the poverty guidelines at least annually, and these updates are applied to eligibility criteria for programs such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The Informational Bulletin also includes the 2017 Dual Eligible Standards information that lists the new standards for the Medicare Savings Program categories.

To view the Informational Bulletin, [click here](#).

Pace Innovation Act

On **March 23rd**, CMS posted the comments they received in response to the Request for Information released December 23, 2016 on the PACE Innovation Act. The PACE Innovation Act of 2015 (PIA) provides the ability to test the application of PACE-like models for additional populations, including populations under the age of 55 and those who do not qualify for a nursing home level of care, under Section 1115A of the Social Security Act. In order to inform possible development of a model test under the PIA, CMS released a Request for Information (RFI) on **December 23, 2016**. Comments were due by **February 10, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to read more.

From Other Organizations

American Society on Aging

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Managed Care Field Guide

ASA has produced a new field guide that features articles from numerous experts and explores the landscape of managed care. This resource explains what managed care is, why it is necessary, and how community-based organizations (CBOs) and healthcare entities are establishing partnerships and creating new opportunities. The Field Guide to Managed Care also includes case studies that detail lessons CBOs have learned in their experiences through managed care.

[Click here](#) to read **The Field Guide to Managed Care: A Primer**.

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Registration Now Open for the AIRS Conference

Registration is now open for the **39th annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference in Tampa, Florida May 21-24!**

The Registration Brochure is available through the AIRS website at www.airs.org/conference, along with additional conference information including hotel reservations, online registration and a preliminary program summary. The conference registration is open, and Early Bird Savings (\$100 per person on the standard rate) are available to all who register by April 1st, 2017.

For aging and disability I&R/A professionals, the National I&R Support Center invites you to join us for the **National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium** during the AIRS Conference. The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, a full complement of conference workshops, and an Aging and Disability Luncheon. Conference workshops will feature national, state and local professionals presenting on key topics such as national policy developments impacting aging and disability programs, the role of I&R in managed care contracts, long distance caregiving, partnerships, decision-making support, community transportation, disability rights and accessibility, and other key issues. This year's pre-conference summit will include an interactive training on motivational interviewing for aging and disability professionals. For further information on the Symposium, contact Support Center Director Nanette Relave.

Applied Self Direction

Self Direction Awards

Applied Self Direction is holding a Self Direction Awards Ceremony during the [Self Direction Conference](#) to recognize individuals' exceptional contribution to advancing self direction and supporting self-directing participants.

All awards will be given to individuals, not programs or providers. In each case, awards may recognize contributions over a career of service or an exceptional contribution during the past year. The recognized individual does NOT need to attend the Self Direction Conference in order to receive the award. Award winners will be featured on the [Applied Self Direction website](#) in addition to being honored at the reception.

You can read more about the award categories [here](#).

Nominations must be submitted by **Friday April 7th**. All nominations need to document specific actions that the individual has taken to warrant the award. Please note that you do not need to submit nominations for every award category. Submit your nomination [online](#).

Defeat Malnutrition Today

National Blueprint: Achieving Quality Malnutrition Care for Older Adults

The Defeat Malnutrition Today coalition has worked with other partners to develop the National Blueprint: Achieving Quality Malnutrition Care for Older Adults. The Blueprint was released in **March 2017** at the American Society on Aging conference. This National Blueprint for action is in response to the issue that up to one out of every two older Americans is at risk for malnutrition, however there is a gap in the delivery of malnutrition care for older adults. This blueprint:

- Provides potential actions to close the gap and improve health outcomes for older adults by addressing malnutrition care across the continuum of acute, post-acute, and community settings.
- Offers suggested strategies for policymakers, organizations, healthcare providers, patients and caregivers to address malnutrition.

[Click here](#) to read the Blueprint.

The FrameWorks Institute

ReFraming Aging Toolkit

The FrameWorks Institute has released the ReFraming Aging Toolkit. A group of leading national aging organizations and funders commissioned the FrameWorks Institute to conduct an empirical investigation into the communications aspects of aging issues. The toolkit provides several resources, including an approach to changing public thinking about aging in America, original research on communication strategies on aging issues, and useful materials and tools to enhance and advance the conversation about older people.

In the future, the FrameWorks Institute will also be releasing the Reframing Elder Abuse Toolkit.

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

Great Lakes ADA Center

Webinar: Looking at Institutional and Community Living Through Data

This webinar will examine what the data says has happened nearly 28 years after the United States Supreme Court decided in *Olmstead v. L.C.* that unjustified segregation of persons with disabilities constitutes discrimination in violation of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The webinar will be held on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Justice in Aging

Webinar: Reverse Mortgage Servicing & Foreclosure: Emerging Issues

Justice in Aging is offering a webinar on, Reverse Mortgage Servicing & Foreclosure: Emerging Issues, to outline issues facing reverse mortgage borrowers and offer strategies to address the challenges. Reverse mortgages help allow older homeowners to age in place, but recently there has been an uptick in reverse mortgage foreclosures due to property charge defaults and other issues. This problem can lead to the displacement of older adults from their homes. The webinar will discuss recent changes to the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) program.

Justice in Aging's webinar will take place on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. PT/2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

NCOA

Webinar: The SNAP Elderly Simplified Application Project: Lessons and Opportunities

The Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP), that is currently operating in eight states, is a collection of policy and process changes that can streamline enrollment of low-income seniors into SNAP. Benefits Data Trust (BDT) and NCOA have produced an advocate's guide that educates state-based aging and anti-hunger advocates about ESAP and suggests ways they can engage their state agency leaders to create ESAPs.

Join NCOA on **April 6 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET** to learn more about the advocate's guide and results from ESAPs.

Find our more [here](#).

Events

2017 Consumer Voice Annual Conference Group Discount Opportunity

The Consumer Voice Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC from **November 5th- 8th, 2017**. Are you interested in bringing a group of people to the conference? Consumer Voice is offering group discounts. You must contact Consumer Voice at info@theconsumervoice.org and they will help you register your group. Your application for discounts must be made prior to registration.

The following discounts apply to group registrations:

Group of 4 - 8 individuals - 5% discount

Group of 9 - 16 individuals - 10 % discount

Group of 17 or more individuals - 15% discount

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