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Next week is the 2016 HCBS Conference! The Friday Update will be taking a brief hiatus and will resume on Friday, September 9.

From NASUAD

2016 HCBS Conference Begins This Monday- Download the App and Register Today!

Join us for the [National Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Conference](#) held in Washington, DC, August 29-September 1. The 2016 National HCBS Conference is going to be the largest to date with over 1,300 attendees! Because of this, we will be requiring everyone to wear their name badges at all times. As workshop rooms fill up, staff will be around to help direct you to a less full session. We thank you in advance for helping things run smoothly.

We have a very full and exciting agenda, with a number of compelling plenary sessions, a very full exhibit hall, and a dance party with the same band returning from last year's conference!

This year the HCBS Conference is offering a Conference App, sponsored by [FEi Systems](#), which includes a full detailed agenda that you can bookmark, a listing of all attendees you can connect with through the app, and a complete listing of our exhibitors and sponsors! The mobile app for [National HCBS Conference App](#) is [now available](#). Your log-in is the email address you used to register, and the password is "HCBS2016." If you have difficulty logging in to the app, please contact [Rachel Feldman](#).

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

NASUAD Publishes Updated State Medicaid Integration Tracker

NASUAD has published the August 2016 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

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Choice Option under 1915(k); and Medicaid Health Homes. This tracker includes new updates for each state that occurred during the most recent month.

[Click here](#) to view this month's Tracker.

[Click here](#) for comprehensive information on each state, as well as archived versions of the Tracker.

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 for more information.

ADAPTED PACE Protocol

ADAPTED PACE is an operational framework for a comprehensive, capitated, and community-based service model. Consideration of testing the expansion and adaptation of the PACE (the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) model (ADAPTED PACE) to serve new populations was recently made possible by the PACE Innovation Act which granted waiver authority to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for this purpose. The ADAPTED PACE protocol was developed by a work group with representatives from the disability and PACE communities and was designed to support the highest quality of life and quality of care for the subset of individuals with a disability who also have complex medical care needs and who would be served by an ADAPTED PACE program. This report outlines provider requirements, eligibility and enrollment, participant rights, service delivery, and other program details.

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

From the Administration

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

June 2016 Monthly Applications, Eligibility Determinations, and Enrollment Report

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

Departments of Education and Labor

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Final Rules

On Friday, August 19, 2016 the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor published the final rules implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in the Federal Register. WIOA legislation is designed to strengthen and improve the public workforce system and help Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, move into high-quality jobs and careers as well as help employers hire and retain skilled workers.

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

[Click here](#) to view the Department of Labor's website for more information.

From Other Organizations

Alliance to End Hunger

National 2016 Hunger Free Communities Summit

The Alliance to End Hunger's National 2016 Hunger Free Communities Summit is quickly approaching. The Summit is a two-day forum for Hunger Free Community networks from around the country to gather, learn, and share best practices with the broader anti-hunger community.

The goals for the conference include sharing successful strategies for collective impact; learning about effective approaches from content experts; and identifying new tools, resources and partners for planning, implementing and evaluating community-based hunger relief efforts. The keynote speaker will be [Audrey Rowe](#), Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA. A preliminary agenda is now [available online](#). The Summit will take place at the Omni Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, IN from **October 5-6, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to register.

ARCH National Respite Network

Early Bird Discounted Registration Rates for Lifespan Respite Conference

The conference theme is Elevate Respite! The [conference program](#) is now available. Tracks for Lifespan Respite grantees and partners, government agencies, service providers, advocates, military families and veterans service providers, and family caregivers will feature over 30 concurrent sessions on respite best practices and innovative services, research, and policy. Check the [conference website](#) frequently for new information.

Support the only national event focused on respite for family caregivers across the lifespan with [Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities](#).

The Colorado Respite Coalition, the CO-WY Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Easter Seals of CO, and the CO Department of Human Services are co-hosting the event with the [ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center](#).

[Click here](#) to register.

Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Webinar: Building Gauges to Measure National Progress on Transition Outcomes

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) is hosting a webinar that will describe activities of the National Autism Data Center (NAUCD) with emphasis on national indicators related to youth transition. Paul Shattuck, founder of NAUCD, will present the range of information products available through the center and plans for additional transition research projects. Laura Ivanova Smith, UW LEND Advocate Faculty, will also provide a personal perspective on transition planning and employment. The webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 31, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc.

Managed Long-Term Services & Supports Rate-Setting Resource Center

Many states pursuing Medicaid managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) or Medicare-Medicaid integrated care programs are using capitation rate-setting methods to address the diverse needs of the populations enrolled and promote higher-quality, more cost-effective care.

With support from the West Health Policy Center, the Center for

Health Care Strategies has developed a [Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Rate-Setting Resource Center](#) to help states develop or refine capitation rate-setting methods. This resource center, a product of CHCS' [Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Rate-Setting Initiative](#), includes publications that provide foundational concepts, federal and expert guidance, information on risk adjustment for functional status, and state and operational best practices.

[Click here](#) to explore the Resource Center.

National Council on Aging

Falls Prevention Awareness Day

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is hosting its 9th annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day. The event raises awareness about how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults. This year's theme is "Ready, Steady, Balance: Prevent Falls in 2016." NCOA provides handouts, event ideas, and promotional materials for organizations to help spread the word about how to prevent falls. The event will be observed on **Thursday, September 22, 2016.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Quality Forum

NQF Announces the Measure Incubator Innovation Challenge

Now through **September 18, 2016**, the Measure Incubator™ is seeking proposals that identify innovative and agile approaches to solving one or more of the opportunities for improvement or leading gap areas in measure development.

Submissions may be based on an existing project or theoretical solutions that may not yet be verified. Theoretical approaches can also identify solutions and/or processes used in different industries that could be applied to measure development and/or testing.

NQF will provide cash awards for up to five submissions selected by the NQF Measure Incubator working group committees. Winners will be announced by October 7 and will be invited to present their proposals at an NQF webinar in fall 2016. Selected submissions will be featured as initial content in the online NQF Measure Incubator Learning Collaborative, tentatively scheduled to launch in 2017.

[Click here](#) for more details about the challenge.

Events

Helping Workers Keep Their Jobs After an Injury, Illness, or Disability

The Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work (SAW/RTW) Policy Collaborative of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy and Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy are hosting the policy forum and webinar "Helping Workers Keep Their Jobs After an Injury, Illness, or Disability." The session will provide policy recommendations intended to improve the SAW/RTW outcomes for workers who experience injury, illness, or disability.

Presenters will discuss 1) steps states can take to help workers keep their jobs after injury, illness, or disability; 2) adapting a successful workers' compensation initiative to off-the-job cases; 3) and behavioral interventions designed to promote SAW/RTW. The event can be watched online or in person at Mathematica's office in **Washington D.C. on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

2016 ANCOR Technology Summit & Showcase

The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is hosting the "2016 ANCOR Technology Summit & Showcase." The summit will feature peers, advocates, and experts presenting ways that technology can help the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) community achieve the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. The event will take place in **Broomfield, Colorado on Friday, October 7, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Jobs & Internships

Minnesota Seeks Director of Nursing Facility Rates and Policy Division

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is seeking a Director of the Nursing Facility Rates and Policy Division. This position will develop and oversee the state's policies for purchasing services from nursing facilities and play a key role in the continuing care for older adults administration providing strategic planning and program development for the division.

The director's responsibilities will include: directing day to day operations related to policy development and interpretation, program administration and services; managing and supervising staff; overseeing nursing facilities rates policy, systems, and processes; overseeing the design of data collection, reporting, and research on quality of care and life for nursing facility residents; providing leadership for department, administration, and division strategic planning and program development; providing leadership on nursing home legislation; providing high level consultation to stakeholders regarding strategic, technical, and planning issues; and developing and maintaining collaborative relationships with providers, the public, and leaders in the public and private sectors. The application is due by **Thursday,**

September 15, 2016.

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

Funding Opportunities

Benefits Enrollment Center Grants Serving Hard-to-Reach Populations

The Center for Benefits Access at the National Council on Aging (NCOA) is seeking qualified organizations to become Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) serving hard-to-reach low-income Medicare beneficiaries. BECs use person-centered strategies in a coordinated, community-wide approach to find and enroll Medicare beneficiaries-both seniors aged 65+ years and adults living with disabilities - who have limited income and resources into available benefits, with the primary focus being on the following five core benefit programs: Medicare Part D Extra Help (or Low-Income Subsidy, LIS), Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps), and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Agencies will serve specific hard-to-reach populations, such as people residing in rural areas, members of native tribes, people of color, members of the LGBT community, those with limited English proficiency (LEP), those recently released from incarceration, or veterans. BECs serving specific populations must be able to provide application assistance for a minimum of 500 people for all of the benefits for which they are eligible during an 11-month period. Applicants are encouraged to complete a notice of intent by **Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET**, and applications are due **Friday, September 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view the Request for Proposals.

AARP Social Security Innovation Challenge

AARP is launching an Innovation Challenge to identify policy solutions to strengthen economic security for American workers and retirees by achieving Social Security solvency and maintaining benefit adequacy for future generations. Through the Challenge, scholars and researchers from a range of perspectives and sectors are invited to submit their best ideas for creating a strong Social Security system for the coming decades. Applicants are encouraged to consider macro trends (e.g., in the workforce, income, wealth, savings rates, life expectancy, fertility rates, marital status) and to take an innovative look at policy options that address these trends. Up to five successful applicants will be selected to further develop the policy innovation and will deliver a detailed policy paper on one or more specific policy innovation(s) to strengthen Social Security's solvency and/or adequacy. Additionally, AARP will work with The Urban Institute to assess the financial and distributional impact of the policy proposals developed by the successful applicants. The notice of intent is due **Wednesday, August 31, 2016**, and the application for funding is due **Friday, September 30, 2016**.

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

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.

Applicants focusing on advanced care planning should address the following research question: "What is the comparative effectiveness of different patient, caregiver, and clinician-directed and combination approaches to facilitating advanced care planning conversations between adult patients living with advanced illness, their caregivers, and clinicians on patient-centered and other outcomes over time?" And applicants focusing on community-based models of palliative should consider the following research question: "What is the comparative effectiveness of different established models of palliative care delivery in community settings on improving patient-centered and other outcomes among adult patients with advanced illness and their caregivers?"

PCORI seeks to fund multiple, large, multi-site, community-based comparative effectiveness research (CER) studies to generate evidence in support of this goal. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**, and applications are due **Monday, December 19, 2016**.

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

National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making State Grant Program

The National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making (NRC-SDM) announced its State Grant Program. The NRC-SDM will fund up to six projects with the purpose of stimulating innovative supported decision-making practices that can be replicated across the country. Each project that is funded will become part of the NRC-SDM's Community of Practice and will receive logistical, organizational, technical, and other necessary support.

The State Grant Program will award grants for state-based projects that: 1) Adopt an innovative approach to increase knowledge of and access to supported decision-making by older adults and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) across the life course; and 2) collect and disseminate information to document the positive impacts of supported decision-making in their state and, at least annually, issue a report documenting success stories, challenges and any system changes that have been made to increase the understanding and use of supported decision-making. Applications are due by **Thursday, September 15, 2016**.

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