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On behalf of everyone at NASUAD, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday and a wonderful new year. The NASUAD office will be closed from December 24- January 3. The Friday Update will resume after the new year.

## Register for the Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities!

The [Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities](#), May 23-26th, 2016, will offer a wide array of Iowa, regional and national strategies to address the challenges and embrace the opportunities that accompany the ever-changing aging and disability communities.

The conference is being hosted by the Iowa Department on Aging and the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, in partnership with the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, and directed by a steering committee made up of Iowa business and community leaders and chaired by Lt. Governor Reynolds. Our theme - "Disruptive Innovations" - focuses on the myriad ways Iowa's aging and disability communities are and need to continue evolving: culturally, economically, socially, and technologically.

Are you looking to connect with professionals, policymakers, and subject-matter experts to learn about the creative work within the aging and disability networks? Register today to reserve your spot. Join the dialogue around best practices, unique partnerships, and recognize the innovative work of your peers.

The Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities, alongside the NASUAD MLTSS Symposium and Spring Meeting, will be the place to collaborate on national innovations.

Registration is now open!

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

## Register for the NASUAD Membership Meeting and MLTSS Symposium

NASUAD is hosting its 2016 MLTSS Symposium and Spring Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa on May 23-25th concurrent with the Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities. This year's meeting is divided into two parts with one fee for both.

NASUAD will host the its second Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) Symposium on May 23-24th. Join us for a day and a half of in-depth conversations about key issues in MLTSS with other states, health plan partners and other

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partners. Then join other state aging and disability commissioners, LTSS directors, waiver administrators, and senior agency officials on May 24-25th for our Membership Meeting.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

## AIRS Annual Information & Referral Conference Call for Proposals

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has released the call for proposals for the 2016 Annual Information and Referral (I&R) Training and Education Conference. AIRS is seeking workshops addressing the breadth of I&R service delivery. The Aging and Disability track provides a valuable opportunity to share developments and effective practices in serving older adults and persons with disabilities with I&R colleagues across the country. This track is coordinated by NASUAD's I&R Support Center, which strongly encourages aging and disability I&R agencies to review the call for proposals and consider a submission. Topics such as family caregiving, elder justice, mental health, aging with a disability, developments in home and community-based services, cross-sector partnerships and collaboration (including ADRC and 2-1-1 partnerships), No Wrong Door system building, ADRC funding and sustainability, use of technology in I&R, transportation, health coverage (Medicare and Medicaid coverage), and data collection and quality assurance are all topics of interest in aging and disability I&R.

The conference is being held in St. Louis, Missouri, with pre-conference intensives on May 22, 2016 and the regular conference May 23-25, 2016. Please contact [Nanette Relave](#) with any questions.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **Wednesday, February 10, 2016**. Send submissions for the Aging and Disability track to [Nanette Relave](#).

[Click here](#) to submit a proposal.

## I&R Center Webinar: Promising Practices for MIPPA Outreach

The National I&R Center is hosting a webinar on Promising Practices for MIPPA Outreach. To learn about promising practices for providing outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries to increase enrollment in Medicare savings programs, NASUAD gathered information about MIPPA outreach efforts through the 2015 national survey of aging and disability I&R/A agencies. This webinar will include an overview of MIPPA legislation and the Medicare savings programs, and highlights of the case studies used to identify promising practices for outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Presenters are Brandy Bauer, Communications Manager, Center for Benefits Access, National Council on Aging and Linda Nakagawa, Policy Analyst, NASUAD. This webinar will take place on **Tuesday, January 12, 2016, from 3:00-4:00.p.m ET**.

Pre-registration is required for this webinar. Space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

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

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## 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.*

### **Medicare Chronic Care Management Services Payment**

The Integrated Care Resource Center published a brief on the implications of Medicare chronic care management services for states serving dually eligible individuals. In January 2015 a new payment system for Medicare chronic care management (CCM) became effective. This brief provides an overview of the new payment system and offers states different opportunities for more effective coordination of care with their contracting plans. Better care coordination may improve the delivery of medical, behavioral, and social supports to dually eligible populations.

[Click here](#) to access the reports and findings.

### **The 26th Edition of America's Health Rankings**

The United Health Foundation, in partnership with the American Public Health Association, released the 26th edition of America's Health Rankings. This report reflects the various factors that affect the health of American's using a state-by-state analysis. Additionally, the report provides information on the progress of different health initiatives and challenges, a comparison with other nations, health rankings by state, and benchmark measures to quantify how health is changing over the years.

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## From the Administration

### Administration for Community Living

#### **Leadership Changes at ACL**

Two changes in leadership will occur at the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in January. Principal Deputy Administrator Sharon Lewis will be leaving ACL at the end of January. Sharon was a pivotal force in the creation of ACL and fought tirelessly for advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities. Senior Advisor, James Toews, will take on Lewis' position as Acting Principal Deputy Administrator. Beginning in January, Bob Williams will serve in dual roles as Deputy Commissioner

for the Administration on Disabilities and Director of the Independent Living Administration. Jamie Kendall, Acting Director of Independent Living, was previously selected for these roles but passed away unexpectedly last month. We look forward to the leadership these individuals will provide as they serve in their new capacities.

## Department of Health and Human Services

### **Additional Guidance Issued on 1332 Waivers**

On December 11, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Treasury issued new guidance in the Federal Register for any states seeking a State Innovation Waiver under section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act. These waivers offer states funding to create alternative versions of health coverage that are affordable and high in quality. Waivers may take effect as early as January 1, 2017. The proposed rule has been published in the Federal Register with a 30-day comment period. Both departments welcome comments from stakeholders and states. All comments must be submitted by **Monday, February 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## Government Accountability Office

### **New Commission Members of MACPAC Announced**

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a notice of appointment of the seven new members of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC). MACPAC was written into the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 to advise Congress on matters pertaining to Medicaid and CHIP. The new commission members are: Brian Burwell, Toby Douglas, Leanna George, Kit Gorton, Stacey Lampkin, Penny Thompson, and Alan Weil. Sara Rosenbaum, JD will serve as the Commission's Chair.

[Click here](#) to view the press release.

## From Other Organizations

### Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

## State Healthy Aging Workshop Summary Report

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), with support from HHS' Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), hosted a State Healthy Aging Workshop this past July. During the meeting, state officials developed action plans for healthy aging that achieved shared goals of the state public health agency and the state aging agency. For the top three to five priorities, the public health and aging officials were asked to identify key activities in their state related to that priority, partners that were involved, and any other considerations that would be helpful in developing a state action plan. This report provides an overview of the state team planning outcomes and an evaluation of the workshop activities and presentations.

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

## Easter Seals

### Launch of the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center

On December 15, 2015, Easter Seals and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) issued a press release announcing the creation of the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC). NADTC is a technical assistance center that receives its funding from the Federal Transit Administration. The center was created to promote availability and accessibility of transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities. They will offer technical assistance, information, and referral; develop and field training; implement an interactive communication and outreach strategy; and offer grant funding to support communities in assessing their needs and developing innovative transportation solutions.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

## Health Management Associates

### Webinar: Making Healthcare Data Actionable

Health Management Associates is hosting a webinar on solutions for converting data into information for more effective reporting, decision making, and strategic planning. Presenter Lisa Maiuro, PhD, Senior Consultant, HMA, will teach attendees about the methods that healthcare organizations can take to convert their data into information and how to organize and share the data.

This webinar is recommended for executives of health plans, hospitals (including public hospitals), health systems, and provider organizations; leaders of correctional organizations; healthcare policy and business analysts; Medicaid directors and staff; state and federal regulators; county and community clinics; and Comprehensive Community Health Centers (CCHCs). Pre-registration is required for this free webinar, which will take place on **Thursday, January 14, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.**

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

## National Council on Aging

### **Webinar: Finding Medicare Answers When You Need Them**

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is hosting a webinar about Medicare resources and tools. Professionals often have questions about Medicare and there are resources available to answer these issues without having to call an expert for help. Presenters Mike Klug, Consultant, SHIP National Technical Assistance Resource Center and Senior Medicare Patrol Resource Center and Melissa Simpson, Program Manager, Center for Benefits Access, NCOA, will teach attendees about the tools and resources available to find answers about tricky Medicare questions. Pre-registration is required for this free webinar. The webinar will take place on **Friday, January 22, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

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

## National Quality Forum

### **HCBS Quality Committee Releases Second Interim Report**

Today, the National Quality Forum released the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Quality Committee's second interim report, which includes an environmental scan and summary of existing HCBS measures. This report will inform the work of the Committee in 2016 as it identifies measure gaps in this critical area. Comments on the report will be accepted through **Tuesday, January 19th, 2016.**

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

## Events

### **Annual Disability Statistics Compendium**

The Institute on Disability and UCED at the University of New Hampshire are hosting an event where they will release the Annual Compendium of Disability Statistics & Report on Disability. A live webcast of the event will be available for individuals unable to attend the event in person. The Compendium is a web-based tool that pools disability statistics published by various federal agencies together in one place. A briefing and overview of the newest Compendium will start off the event followed by a data panel discussion and several sessions from different esteemed speakers. The compendium will take place on **Thursday, February 4, 2015,** at the Washington

Center, Blinken Auditorium in Washington D.C.

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## **Managed Care Academy at the ASA Aging in America Conference**

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting a new Managed Care Academy at the 2016 Aging in America Conference this March. Attend the ASA Managed Care Academy Series, and return to your organization with new knowledge, replicable new models, and new contacts to help you along in your own journey of organizational reframing, relevance and sustainability. The program will be woven into the Aging in America Conference, beginning with the Opening General Session on Sunday, March 20, which will provide a panoramic view of the new aging services landscape and ending with the comprehensive Managed Care Academy Summit on Thursday, March 24, which will explore the evolving business model that community-based organizations, including area agencies on aging, are undertaking to create value-based services for older adults using value-based pricing models. This event will take place on **Thursday March 24, 2016.**

Use discount code NASUAD10 to save 10% off of the registration fee.

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# Funding Opportunities

## **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Base Grant**

The Administration for Community Living released the application for the the 2016 State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Base Grant Funding Opportunity. Congress created the SHIP in 1990 with the goal of assisting Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and their caregivers to make informed health insurance choices. There are currently 54 active SHIP grants; one in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The funds awarded through this application are for the FY 2016 budget period, April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017. Eligible applicants are states and United States territories that demonstrate their ability to provide the program through the state office of insurance, the state Medicaid office, or the department on aging. All applications must be submitted by **Monday, February 15, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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

## **Enhanced Training & Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program Grant**

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has released the Fiscal Year 2016 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program solicitation. The program provides three year awards for up to a total of \$400,000 to local communities to

address abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect against victims who are 50 years of age or older. Award funds must be used to organize training and cross-training for criminal justice and other professionals, develop services for older victims, and create or enhance a coordinated community response. All applications must be submitted by **Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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