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White House Symposium on Elder Abuse on June 14th

To commemorate the 7th annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the White House Office of Public Engagement, in collaboration with federal partners from the Administration for Community Living/Department of Health and Human Services, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Department of Justice, is hosting a day-long symposium on June 14, 2012. The event will highlight the problem of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

This White House event provides a wonderful opportunity for your organization to host your own World Day event. The day will be divided into four sessions to be webcast live on the White House website (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>). The day will feature speakers from the federal government, national banking institutions and leading elder abuse experts from around the country. As part of your World Day commemoration, please consider hosting a “Watch Party” to broadcast any of the four sessions: 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. - Opening Session; 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Panel on Prevention of Financial Exploitation; 1:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. - Panel on Responses to Financial Exploitation; and 3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - Closing Session. You can also ask the panelists questions on Twitter with the hashtag [#WHChat](#)

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CMS Announces Private-Sector Commitments to Improve Primary Care for Patients, Save Money for Medicare

Eight states will test unique investment in coordinated care

In a strong show of support for more effective, more affordable, higher quality health care, 45 commercial, federal and State insurers in seven markets recently pledged to work with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to give more Americans access to quality health care at lower cost. The markets with signed agreements include: Arkansas, Colorado, New Jersey, Oregon, New York’s Capital District-Hudson Valley Region, Ohio’s and Kentucky’s Cincinnati-Dayton Region, and greater Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Under the Comprehensive Primary Care initiative, CMS will pay primary care practices a care management fee, initially set at an average of \$20 per beneficiary per month, to support enhanced, coordinated services. Simultaneously, participating commercial, State, and other federal insurance plans are also offering an enhanced payment to primary care practices that provide high-quality primary care.

Approximately 75 primary care practices will be selected to participate in the Comprehensive Primary Care initiative in each designated market. Interested primary care practices in each of the markets should complete the application pre-screen tool online at the Innovation Center’s website. This is the first step

in applying for the program. To access the application pre-screen tool, please go to: <https://cmsgov.secure.force.com/cpci/cpciscreening>

To learn more about this initiative, go to <http://www.innovations.cms.gov/initiatives/Comprehensive-Primary-Care-Initiative/index.html>

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Funding Opportunity

New Round of Consumer Assistance Grants

Will give states more resources to help consumers get and keep health coverage

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced last week a new round of funding to support state-based Consumer Assistance Programs (CAP). In October of 2010, CAP grants were awarded to 35 states, the District of Columbia, and four territories.

CAP grantees, which can be state agencies or local non-profits contracted by a state, provide a wide variety of services for consumers. They can help consumers find health coverage and file appeals against health plans. For individuals unsure about their rights, Consumer Assistance Programs can educate them to take action. To provide better assistance with future requests, Consumer Assistance Programs are required to track consumer complaints to help identify problems and develop solutions.

The funding opportunity announced last week ensures that CAP grantees, whether operating in state agencies or as local non-profits, can continue to strengthen and enhance ongoing efforts in the states and local communities to protect consumers.

The application deadline is July 9, 2012.

For the new Funding Opportunity Announcement, visit: <http://www.grants.gov>, and search for CFDA number 93.519.

For more information on CAP Grants, including a map that shows what support is available in your state, visit: <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/features/rights/consumer-assistance-program/>

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ACL Funding Opportunities through ADD

Projects of National Significance: Community of Practice for Supporting Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with I/DD

The Administration for Community Living's Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) recently announced the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 funds for a cooperative agreement authorized under Subtitle E of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, Projects of National Significance.

Funds will be awarded to build capacity across and within states through State consortia, to create and share policies, practices and systems that support competitive, integrated employment outcomes to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The Community of Practice (CoP) under this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will work to provide information including the identification of emerging and promising practices in the area of competitive integrated employment across States, establish and maintain mechanisms to share and disseminate data, develop ideas to address competitive integrated employment challenges in states, provide quality peer to peer technical assistance, and promote interagency collaboration and partnership. The partnerships will include key State and local partners in a way that promotes culturally competent information and facilitates self-determination to promote effective systems change efforts in the area of competitive integrated employment for individuals with I/DD.

The application due date is July 10, 2012.

To read the full announcement and to download an application, go to

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Projects of National Significance: Data Collection and Information Dissemination on Residential and In Home Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

The Administration for Community Living's Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) recently announced the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 funds for a cooperative agreement authorized under Subtitle E of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, Projects of National Significance.

Funds will be awarded to collect, analyze and report on data to describe services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities. The purpose of this project is to conduct a national study that analyzes and describes where people with developmental disabilities receiving, State and non-State,

Medicaid-funded and non-Medicaid funded residential services are living in the United States (U.S.). Through an analysis of State-level data on residential settings specifically for persons with developmental disabilities, such as the number of people living in a facility and the cost per setting, the study shall describe annual outlooks and longitudinal trends in State and non-State residential facility populations, the movement of people with developmental disabilities from institutional settings to homes of their own, and residential service utilization.

The application due date is July 20, 2012.

To read the full announcement and to download an application, go to

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Community Transformation Grant

The purpose of this program is to prevent heart attack, stroke, cancer, diabetes, and other leading chronic disease causes of death or disability through implementation of a variety of evidence based programs, policies and infrastructure improvements to promote healthy lifestyles in small communities.

Eligible applicants include governmental agencies; non-governmental organizations which includes but is not limited to school districts, local housing authorities, local transportation authorizes, health department, planning and economic development agencies, non-profit and community based organizations, area aging agencies, and cooperative extension agencies; Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Health Programs.

The funding will award 25-50 grantees with an estimated total funding of \$70 million.

Link to Full Announcement: [Link to Full Announcement](#)

Last Day to Apply: Letter of Intent due June 18, 2012. Application due July 31, 2012.

This grant is administered by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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Stay Informed

ACL Webinar on Collaborative Strategies for Eliminating Health Disparities

To promote the principles of good health that reinforce the importance of reducing or eliminating health disparities, AoA will host *Collaborative Strategies for Eliminating Health Disparities*, a webinar that promotes prevention strategies for older adults. It is important for older people to take steps to maintain their good health for as long as possible. Activities carried out under AoA national cooperative agreements will be highlighted. The target audience will be primarily State and Area Agencies on Aging, community leaders, professionals and service providers including NPA's Federal Interagency Health Equity Team (FIHET) and the Regional Health Equity Councils (RHECs) they helped to create.

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenters:

Doreen Bermudez, Director, LGBT Resource Center, SAGE

Jacob Davis, Project Coordinator, University of North Dakota Native American Resource Center

Dr. Carmela Lacayo, President Asociacion Nacional Pro Personas Mayores

Kiesha Lewis, Occupational Therapist and Certified Diabetes Educator, Virginia Hospital Center and National Caucus and Center on the Black Aged, Inc.

Dr. Rochelle Rollins, Director, Division of Policy and Data Division, HHS Office of Minority Health

Christine Takada, President, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging

To register for the online event

1. Go to <https://aoa-events.webex.com/aoa-events/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=668789332>
2. Click "Register".
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

Once your registration is approved, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event.

Please note: Space is limited, so please register as early as possible.

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Joint White House and HUD Conference Call for Faith and Non-Profit Leaders

Please join Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan and Joshua DuBois, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships on this conference call that will address *Helping Responsible Homeowners Refinance Their Homes*.

You will learn about the President Obama's proposal to:

- Expand eligibility for refinancing at today's low rates
- Help homeowners rebuild equity
- Help more homeowners stay in their homes
- Help our housing market
- Protect homeowners with a Homeowner Bill of Rights
- Investigate mortgage misconduct

Date: Tuesday, June 12th

Start Time: 4:00 p.m. EDT

Dial in: 1-800-700-7860

RSVP here to ensure that we make enough call lines available, and be sure to dial in 5 minutes early so that we can start on time.

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Webinar on *Home for Life: Transforming Your Kitchen*

In this webinar, sponsored by AARP, experts will share tips on the latest kitchen trends and design ideas that can be used to make one's kitchen vivacious trendy and safe as they transition in life.

Date: June 14, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To register, please visit the AARP website, www.aarp.org

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Webinar on *Partnerships: Key to Behavioral Health Service*

The purpose of this webinar is to enhance attendees' understanding of substance abuse and mental health issues affecting older adult and strategies

for developing programs and policies to help address these issues. Four community organizations, representing a broad spectrum of health and human service organizations, will share their experiences developing and implementing evidence-based, behavioral health programs through partnerships between aging service providers (including Area Agencies on Aging), behavioral health providers, primary health care, hospitals, and/or consumer organizations.

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST

This webinar is supported through a partnership between the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) and the Administration on Aging (AoA) and is available free of charge. To register, please [go to registration site](#).. If you experience any difficulties with registration, please contact Alaysia Phillips at aphillips@jbsinternational.com.

A call recording and slides will be available shortly after the webinar. Please visit [AoA's Behavioral Health webpage](#) to access these materials, as well as links to additional webinars, factsheets, and other resources related to older adult behavioral health.

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NASHP Webinar on *States Prepare for Medicaid's Growth Spurt*

Throughout the year, the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is pleased to present national webinars on health policy issues. All NASHP webinars are accessible on this page. The next discussion topic will focus on *States Prepare for Medicaid's Growth Spurt*.

The Affordable Care Act sets a new national floor for Medicaid coverage. By 2019, Medicaid is estimated to cover an additional 16 million of the most vulnerable Americans, significantly increasing the shape and size of the program. Getting ready for this growth spurt is largely in the hands of states.

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Time: 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Eastern

During this webinar, officials from three states will provide a closer look at what states are doing to prepare. They will answer questions like:

Who is likely to enroll and how did the state make these estimates?

How are existing eligibility categories expected to change?

How will Medicaid integrate with the insurance exchange?

How is Medicaid addressing benchmark plan design and access to services?
What are strategies to involve stakeholders in this process?

Presenters:

[Sarabeth Zemel](#), Program Manager, National Academy for State Health Policy

[Nathan Johnson](#), Medicaid Policy Manager, Washington Health Care Authority

[Elena Nicolella](#), Medicaid Director, Rhode Island Department of Human Services

[Julie Weinberg](#), Director, New Mexico Human Services Department

To register, click on this link

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/showReg?udc=miml8o5de8fp>

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Webinar on *HIV Testing for an AIDS-Free Generation*

On Tuesday, June 26, 2012, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern, AIDS.gov will host a webinar highlighting domestic HIV/AIDS programs. The event will provide an update on the state of HIV/AIDS in the U.S with some of the U.S. Government's leading voices on HIV/AIDS. Speakers will discuss the status of global and domestic HIV testing as a tool to move towards an AIDS-free generation.

To participate, register here:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/724950794> by June 22.

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Webinar Reminders

Webinar on *On-line Tools & Resources to Assist Individuals with Dementia and Caregivers: National Alzheimer's Contact Center, Eldercare Locator and ADEAR*

This webinar is the second in the three part series *Resources Available to Assist Persons with Alzheimer's Disease or Other Dementias and Their Family Caregivers*. The series is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Administration on Aging (AoA), in partnership with grantees. All are invited to participate – especially new staff / interns / volunteers, or those just interested in getting a refresher. Each webinar session will run for 90 minutes, including Q&A.

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Time: 10:30 a.m. PT; 11:30 a.m. MT; 12:30 p.m. CT and 1:30 p.m. ET

Agenda:

Info on & Tour of National Alzheimer's Contact Center website & tools

Info on & Tour of Eldercare Locator website & tools

Info on & Tour of ADEAR website & tools

Presenters:

Vicky Cahan, Director, Office of Communications and Public Liaison, NIA

Michelle Washko, PhD, Office of Policy Analysis & Development, AoA

David Parris, Senior Associate Director, National Alzheimer's Contact Center, Alzheimer's Association

Mary Osborne, Program Manager, Eldercare Locator, n4a

David Burton, Project Director, Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center, NIA

Jennifer Watson, Project Officer, ADEAR Center, NIA

Moderator:

Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, Chicago Regional Support Center, ACL

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Please note: Space is limited, so please register as early as possible. This webinar will also be recorded and posted on the AoA web site.

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Train-the-Trainer Program on Taking Your Medicines Safely

Taking Your Medicines Safely (TYMS) was developed by the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration in partnership with the Administration on Aging and the Public Education Committee of the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

Date: Monday, June 18, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST

Agenda:

Learn how to implement the TYMS program for older adults in your senior center, library, community center, or church.

Medication safety topics including: potential problems with taking prescription medicines or over-the-counter products.

Ways to keep track of medicines and prevent medication mistakes.

Questions older adults should ask about their medicine.

The free and confidential services provided by the nation's poison centers.

Presenters:

Rebeca Sanchez-Barrett, HHS Health Resources and Services Administration
Poison Control Program

Kristin Wenger, Public Health Educator, Blue Ridge Poison Center,
Charlottesville, VA

The TYMS program

Participants are encouraged to visit the Poison Help website and [download the TYMS participant guide](#)

[Register](#)

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CMS Seeks Public Comment on Financial Alignment Models for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is seeking public comment as part of the proposal review process for states pursuing financial alignment models for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. State proposals submitted to CMS are available for review through the [Integrated Care Resource Center](#) website.

During each proposal's 30-day CMS public comment period, interested individuals or groups may submit comments to help inform CMS' review of that proposal. The following states currently have proposals posted as part of the CMS public comment period: *Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Texas.*

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Free Diabetes Education Videonovela in Spanish

The Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is pleased to announce *Aprende a vivir*, a free videonovela to help Spanish-speaking people with type 2 diabetes adhere to medication, dietary and exercise instructions. Using telenovela-style drama,

combined with humor, *Aprende a vivir* tells the story of Don Felipe, head of the Jiménez family, and his health problems caused by poor management of his type 2 diabetes.

The videonovela and accompanying patient literature on diabetes and related conditions are available on <http://healthcare411.org/aprendeavivir.aspx>

It can also be access on AHRQ's Spanish-language Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/AHRQehc.espanol>

Senior centers, health providers, and others interested in showing *Aprende a vivir* can order the DVDs and up to 100 copies of each of the five patient pamphlets listed on the websites at no charge. For orders or information, contact bob.isquith@ahrq.hhs.gov

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LGBT Pride Month

Sponsor: Equality Forum

<http://www.equalityforum.com/>

To read HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' News Release on LGBT Pride Month, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/06/20120601a.html>

National Home Safety Month

Sponsor: Home Safety Council

www.homesafetycouncil.org/homesafetymonth

June 11 – 17

National Men's Health Week

Sponsor: National Men's Health Network

www.menshealthweek.org

June 15

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Sponsor: International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

<http://www.inpea.net/weaad.html>

June 17-23

Falls Prevention Week

Sponsor: National Safety Council

http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/Week3.aspx

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