



## Newsletter

**Monday, April 1, 2013**

**2013 Older Americans Month Theme: *Unleash the Power of Age***

### **In This Issue:**

**[Forum on Global Elder Abuse and Its Prevention](#)**

**[New Medicare Dashboard Advances ACA Goals for Chronic Conditions](#)**

**[OAM “Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge” – Remember to Submit Your Nomination by April 22](#)**

**[Olmstead Policy Academy Meeting Summary Now Available Online](#)**

**[US Preventive Services Task Force Seeks Public Comment on Draft \*Research Plan on Screening for Autism Spectrum Disorder in Young Children\*](#)**

### **Funding Opportunities**

**[Two Funding Opportunities from ACL](#)**

**[Nationwide Program for National and State Background Checks for Direct Patient Access Employees of Long Term Care Facilities and Providers - 9th Announcement](#)**

### **Stay Informed**

**[HRSA/MCHB Celebrates Autism Awareness Month](#)**

**[Register Now for the Next Session of the CMS Stakeholder & Partner Education Series Webinar](#)**

**[CDC “In the Know” Live Webcast Series](#)**

[\*\*\*NCOA Webinar on Immigration Reform: Key Issues for Older Adults, Individuals with Disabilities, and Home and Community-Based Services\*\*\*](#)

[\*\*AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange Webinar Series\*\*](#)

[\*\*Webinar on Volunteer Driver Programs – Examples from the Field\*\*](#)

[\*\*ASA Webinar on Managing Family Care for Alzheimer’s Patients\*\*](#)

[\*\*Health Care Law Webinar Series\*\*](#)

[\*\*Implementing Policy Change to Advance Falls Prevention: Training, Examples, and Resources\*\*](#)

[\*\*Webinar Reminders\*\*](#)

#### **Tools & Information**

[\*\*AoA’s April Widget and Other Social Media\*\*](#)

[\*\*NIAMS Welcomes Four New Advisory Council Members\*\*](#)

[\*\*National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day—Save the Date\*\*](#)

[\*\*Recent Reports\*\*](#)

[\*\*April Observances\*\*](#)

---

[\*\*Share this on Facebook\*\*](#)

[\*\*Tweet this to a friend\*\*](#)

[\*\*Email this to a friend\*\*](#)

---

***Don’t forget to check-out the new [ACL website](#).***

#### **Forum on *Global Elder Abuse and Its Prevention***

You are invited to join the Institute of Medicine for its two-day public workshop on [\*Global Elder Abuse and Its Prevention\*](#). This workshop will explore the burden of elder abuse around the world, focusing on its impacts on individuals, families, communities, and societies. Promising innovative

approaches to elder abuse prevention will be illuminated, as well as opportunities for cross-sector collaboration.

*Workshop Dates: April 17 and 18, 2013.*

The workshop will be held at the Keck Center of the National Academies, 500 Fifth Street, NW, in Washington, DC, and is free and open to the public. However, space is limited. [Click here](#) for in-person registration.

For persons outside of the Washington, DC area, the workshop will be webcast and available to view through the internet (there is no call-in number). [Click here](#) to register for the webcast.

[Back to the top](#)

### **New Medicare Dashboard Advances ACA Goals for Chronic Conditions**

*Data tool helps to identify opportunities to improve care for beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions*

A new Medicare Chronic Conditions Dashboard announced last week by Marilyn Tavenner, Acting Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), furthers the Affordable Care Act's goals for health promotion and the prevention and management of multiple chronic conditions. The dashboard offers researchers, physicians, public health professionals, and policymakers an easy-to-use tool to get current data on where multiple chronic conditions occur, which services they require and how much Medicare spends helping beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions.

The Dashboard helps users find, analyze, and apply summarized data from CMS' Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse. The Dashboard will promote better understanding of overlapping medical conditions related to overall patient health, helping to identify common concurrent conditions and areas where prevention and treatment can improve care and lower costs.

The dashboard is part of the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Initiative on Multiple Chronic Conditions, established in 2009. The *Multiple Chronic Conditions: A Strategic Framework* was developed to serve as a national roadmap for HHS as well as public and private stakeholders to use to coordinate and improve the health of beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions.

[Click here](#) to access the CMS Medicare Chronic Conditions Dashboard.

[Read more.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

**OAM “Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge” – Remember to Submit Your Nomination by April 22**

Submit Your Nomination Now for the “*Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge*”

As a part of its Older Americans Month (OAM) 2013 celebration, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) is sponsoring the “Unleash the Power in Your Community Challenge.” Using the 2013 OAM theme, “Unleash the Power,” as its foundation, this challenge invites organizations to recognize older Americans by nominating people 60 or older who are putting their talents and expertise toward inspirational achievements in their communities and beyond.

Nominees can be volunteers or paid professionals whose contributions are improving society as a whole. Examples of eligible activities include civic engagement, creative arts, and technology and innovation.

The submission deadline is 11:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the challenge and to nominate someone.

To help communities get ready for this year’s celebration, ACL has updated its [Older Americans Month](#) website for 2013. The website contains resources and ways to help you spread the word about Older Americans Month and to plan an event in your community. In addition to information on the challenge, on the website, you will find information on:

*Activity Ideas* on how you can celebrate Older Americans Month locally.

*Social Media Gallery* where you can promote Older Americans Month to your social media network, using Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

*Download Center* which includes a collection of images for your organization’s website, and text for newsletters. ACL has also provided a template for a proclamation your community can use to officially designate May as Older Americans Month.

[Back to the top](#)

**Olmstead Policy Academy Meeting Summary Now Available Online**

In September 2012, the US Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) hosted an *Olmstead Policy Academy*. The purpose of this two-day meeting was to provide an opportunity for states to learn about effective practices in

implementing community integration and develop their own strategies for community integration across multiple agencies and service systems.

The [summary](#), “Restoring Lives: Building Integrated Communities and Strengthening Support, a Report of the 2012 Olmstead Implementation Best Strategies and Practices Policy Academy,” is now available on the SAMSHA website for download on the SAMSHA website.

[Back to the top](#)

### **US Preventive Services Task Force Seeks Public Comment on Draft Research Plan on Screening for Autism Spectrum Disorder in Young Children**

The US Preventive Services Task Force ([USPSTF](#)) last week completed the draft *Research Plan on Screening for Autism Spectrum Disorder in Young Children*. The [Plan](#) is now available online and the Task Force is seeking public comment on the plan. The public comment period will continue through April 24, 2013.

This draft is distributed solely for the purpose of receiving public input; it has not been disseminated otherwise. The final Research Plan will be used to guide a systematic review of the evidence by researchers at an Evidence-based Practice Center. The resulting Evidence Report will form the basis of the USPSTF Recommendation Statement on this topic.

[Back to the top](#)

### **Funding Opportunities**

---

#### **Two Funding Opportunities from ACL**

##### **1. National Alzheimer's Call Center**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) from the Administration for Community (ACL) is a new cooperative agreement to operate a national information and counseling service for persons with Alzheimer's disease, their family members and caregiver. The National Call Center will be available to people in 56 states and territories, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to provide expert advice, care consultation, information and referrals nationwide, at the national and local levels, regarding Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD). The grantee will maintain a national network of organizations that are effectively linked together and supported by a national office, and have an overarching capability of linking consumers to local entities that are prepared to provide accurate information, referrals to publicly and privately funded services and supports, counseling services, including crisis

counseling, and detailed follow through to ensure consumers receive appropriate and high quality responses to their concerns.

The grant amount for one award is \$985,135. The application deadline is April 22, 2013.

Click [here](#) for more info on this funding opportunity

## ***2. National Resource Center for LGBT Aging***

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) from the Administration for Community (ACL) is to establish and provide ongoing technical assistance and support and build upon past advancements and innovations in serving older LGBT individuals through new, efficient and sustainable approaches for ensuring high quality and culturally competent service delivery. Applicants to this FOA must demonstrate the capacity to work at the national level to provide training, technical assistance and support to aging network entities (State Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, service providers), LGBT organizations and older LGBT consumers.

The grant amount for one award is \$295,540. The application deadline is April 29, 2013.

Click [here](#) for more information.

[Back to the top](#)

## **Nationwide Program for National and State Background Checks for Direct Patient Access Employees of Long Term Care Facilities and Providers - 9th Announcement**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) invites proposals from all States and US territories to be considered for inclusion in this National Background Check Program. Federal matching funds are available to all who meet the requirements described in section 6201 of the Affordable Care Act. CMS has awarded a technical support contract to support the States that are selected to participate in the program.

The grant amount for five awards is \$15,000,000. The application deadline is May 30, 2013.

Click [here](#) for more information on this funding opportunity.

[Back to the top](#)

## Stay Informed

---

### **HRSA/MCHB Celebrates Autism Awareness Month**

This month, the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Branch ([HRSA/MCHB](#)) will host three webinars in celebration of Autism Awareness Month.

#### ***Autism Spectrum Disorders: Family Support and Involvement***

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2013

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. EDT

This webinar will feature Cordelia Robinson Rosenberg, PhD, RN and Eric Moody, PhD of University of Colorado Denver who will discuss the Colorado Parent Mentoring Program (CPM). The CPM is an innovative approach to providing families with greater support following the diagnosis of their child's autism. It includes individualized parent action planning and education and ongoing parent-to-parent mentoring. This webinar will describe the need for such programs, the program itself, and preliminary results.

In addition, Diana MTK Autin, Esq from the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) will highlight the power of family voices in creating and sustaining systems change. She will discuss strategies and lessons learned for improving state systems through the incorporation of diverse family involvement, support, and empowerment at multiple levels. The Community of Care Consortium has integrated family engagement and leadership throughout its infrastructure, work groups, and activities.

[Register.](#)

#### ***Expediting Detection of Autism Risk and Intervention Access***

Date: Monday, April 8, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This webinar will define numerous barriers to the early detection of ASD and describe a variety of tools and procedures developed at the Kennedy Krieger Center for Autism and Related Disorders (KKI CARD) to address these barriers. Also, resources developed at KKI CARD for families and children showing early signs of ASD, or with recent ASD diagnosis, will be described.

Moderator: Robin Harwood, Health Scientist, MCHP

Presenters:

Rebecca Landa, Kennedy Krieger Center for Autism and Related Disorders

Jennifer Sharpless, Kennedy Krieger Center for Autism and Related Disorders

[Register.](#)

### ***Autism Screening, Early Diagnosis and Early Intervention***

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. ET

This presentation is in two (2) parts.

*Coordination of Evaluation and Early Intervention Among Early Childhood Professionals and Diagnostician:* describes quality improvement activities undertaken in Maine to improve early identification and intervention by increasing coordination and communication between medical diagnosticians and early childhood providers.

*Collaborative Efforts to Improve Access and Care for Children at Risk for Autism Spectrum Disorders:* focuses on three efforts in Massachusetts designed to improve access and care: (a) approval for reimbursement for developmental screening through insurance companies in MA; (b) a new triage mechanism which has led to decreased wait times for specialty evaluations; and (c) development of an email messaging service for families in the first year following diagnosis.

Moderator: Robin Harwood, Health Scientist, MCHB

Presenters:

Nancy Cronin, Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

Leonard Rappaport, Boston Children's Hospital

[Register.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

### **Register Now for the Next Session of the CMS Stakeholder & Partner Education Series Webinar**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Stakeholder & Partner Education Webinar Series is hosted by the CMS Partner Relations Group, Office of Public Engagement. The next session of this monthly webinar series will feature presentations on:

- State Financial Models for Dually Eligible People
- Education Services for Kidney Disease Patients
- CMS Partnership Opportunities

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET

To participate, you should join both the audio and webinar portions of the webinar.

For audio access, dial: 1- 877-251-0301, conference ID: 12417475

[Click here](#) for webinar access.

[Back to the top](#)

### **CDC “In the Know” Live Webcast Series**

*Gaming and Mobile for Public Health* is the topic of the next session of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “In the Know” Live Webcast Series.

The webcast will explore social media best practices and advancing public health outreach and communication. Staff from [Games for Health](#)  will join the session and the webcast will feature slide presentations, Q & A and public health success stories from social media experts on how best to utilize gaming and mobile for greatest public health impact. While viewing the webcast, you can follow along and ask questions on Twitter using the hashtag #SM4PH or submit questions to [info@cdcnpin.org](mailto:info@cdcnpin.org).

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. ET

[Register.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

**NCOA Webinar on *Immigration Reform: Key Issues for Older Adults, Individuals with Disabilities, and Home and Community-Based Services***

As Congress considers comprehensive immigration reform, it is important for the aging and disability communities to be engaged.

Hosted by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and jointly sponsored by [Friday Morning Collaborative](#) and [Caring Across Generations](#), this webinar will provide an overview of key issues in immigration reform and provide a vision for creating a more just and caring society across generations. Discussion topics will include:

- Immigration reform provides opportunities to strengthen the direct care workforce and address the projected shortage of workers as the baby boom generation ages and more individuals need long-term services and supports.
- Immigration reform must remain fully inclusive of aging immigrants and immigrants with disabilities and provide access to health and economic security benefits.
- Immigration reform can increase the number of younger workers, strengthen the Social Security trust fund, and produce economic benefits for the country as a whole.

Moderators:

Joe Caldwell, NCOA

Jason Coates, National Hispanic Council on Aging

Speakers:

Ai-jen Poo and Sarita Gupta, Caring Across Generations

Rahnee Patrick, Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Association & Access Living

Ivy Ngo, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

Jenny Rejeske, National Immigration Law Center

Eva Dominguez, Alliance for Retired Americans & Latinos for a Secure Retirement

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET

[Register.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

### **AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange Webinar Series**

*Promoting the Spread of Health Care Innovations* will be the discussion topic for the next session of the Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) Innovations Exchange Webinar Series. The speakers will address innovations to improve health care quality and staffing considerations and promotional activities that are key to growing and sustaining innovative initiatives. The Innovations Exchange Webinar Series is a free event.

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

[Register.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

### **Webinar on Volunteer Driver Programs – Examples from the Field**

Join the National Center on Senior Transportation, in partnership with the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative, for *Volunteer Driver Programs – Examples from the Field*, the third in a series of webinars addressing risk, liability and insurance for volunteer driver programs.

Representatives of Volunteer Driver Programs will share their experience with risk, liability and insurance in a round robin discussion. You may submit questions in advance at [AGEcomm Discussions](#) under the Transportation topic area. If time permits, questions directly from the audience will also be addressed.

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET

[Register.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

### **ASA Webinar on Managing Family Care for Alzheimer's Patients**

Hosted by the American Society on Aging (ASA), this webinar is part of the Family Caregiver Support Series, sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.

This webinar will outline the various symptoms of dementia, including language problems, personality changes, loss of interests, and difficulty performing tasks. The differences between mild cognitive impairment and more serious cognitive problems, as well as the potential causes, will also be explored. Effective ways to cope with cognitive challenges, including communication skills, will be offered.

Presenters:

Dr. Amy D'Aprix, Executive Director of the DAI Foundation, a nonprofit organization established to meet the needs of caregivers and President of Dr. Amy Inc., a company dedicated to Family Caregiver Wellness  
Mary Alexander, Director of Strategic Alliances with Home Instead Senior Care Corporation

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. PT; 11:00 a.m. MT; 12:00 p.m. CT; and 1:00 p.m. ET

[Register.](#)

NOTE: A second webinar session with the same content will be held on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the same times. [Register.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

### **Health Care Law Webinar Series**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Partnership Center continues to host a series of webinars for faith and community leaders. All webinars are open to the public and include a question and answer session where you can ask HHS staff any questions you may have. You are encouraged to submit questions you would like to have answered on the webinars to [ACA101@hhs.gov](mailto:ACA101@hhs.gov).

To participate in one of the webinars, please click on the title of your preferred topic from the list below to register. After registering you will receive an e-mail confirmation containing information about joining the webinar.

[The Health Care Law 101](#): April 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. ET

A presentation on the main provisions in the Affordable Care Act (the health care law) and how to access care in your community. Information on the Health Insurance Marketplace and how to receive updates on implementation of the law will be shared.

[The Health Care Law 101 \(in Spanish\)](#): April 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. ET

A presentation, in Spanish, on the main provisions in the Affordable Care Act (the health care law) and how to access care in your community.

Information on the Health Insurance Marketplace and how to receive updates on implementation of the law will be shared.

[Back to the top](#)

### ***Implementing Policy Change to Advance Falls Prevention: Training, Examples, and Resources***

Sponsored by the National Council on Aging, this webinar will:

- Provide training on goals and identified policy changes to advance falls prevention, as featured in NCOA's [State Policy Toolkit for Advancing Fall Prevention](#).
- Discuss strategies and indicators for implementing the policy changes.
- Discuss real world examples of falls prevention policy changes being implemented.
- Include resources for advancing falls prevention policy changes in your state or community.

Speakers:

(Bonita) Lynn Beattie, PT, MPT, MHA, Vice President, Injury Prevention, Lead, Falls Free Initiative, Center for Healthy Aging, National Council on Aging.  
Ellen Caylor Schneider, MBA, Research Scientist, UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  
Rhonda Siegel, MEd, Injury Prevention Program Manager, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET

[Register.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

### **Webinar Reminders**

*Improving Care Transitions: Engaging Older Patients on the Issue of Preventing Re-Hospitalization*

Each year, thousands of older patients are discharged from the hospital, but later re-admitted. Avoiding preventable re-hospitalizations has become a major cost-savings goal for our health care system. In pursuit of that goal, Medicare

has stopped paying hospitals for additional costs that result when preventable conditions cause patients to end up back in the hospital.

This webinar, hosted by the National Council on Aging and sponsored by [IlluminAge](#), will examine some of the resources and best practices available at the community level for educating and engaging with older patients and their caregivers on the issue of avoiding re-hospitalization.

Learn:

- The importance of educating and empowering older patients and caregivers as part of efforts to reduce the need for re-hospitalization;
- The role senior care and aging service professionals can play in providing needed support services and other resources to older persons returning home following a hospital stay;
- Resources you may find helpful in your community, practice, or organization.

Speaker:

Joanne Lynn, M.D., Director of the Center on Elder Care and Advanced Illness for Altarum Institute

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EDT

[Register.](#)

### *High Rise Evacuation for People with Disabilities*

This webinar is the next session in the Pacific ADA Center's free "Emergency Management and Preparedness - Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities Webinar Series."

When emergencies strike and people in high rise structures are involved, organized evacuation of the building is necessary. People with disabilities are often thought to be hindrances to this organized evacuation or, worse, are afterthoughts in the evacuation process – putting them at greater risk.

This session will include representatives from building code, evacuation chair development and fire agencies to discuss how planning, building codes and evacuation chair and other technologies are being used to improve the evacuation of people with disabilities from high rise buildings.

Presenters:

Marsha K. Mazz, Director of the Office of Technical and Information Services at the U.S. Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board)

Kimberly Paarlberg, Senior Staff Architect in Technical Services with the International Code Council (ICC)

Glenn Hedman, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Disability & Human Development and the Director, Assistive Technology Unit at the University of Illinois at Chicago

Allan Fraser, Senior Building Code Specialist, National Fire Protection Association

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Time: 2:00 pm ET; 1:00 pm CT; 12:00 pm MT; 11:00 am PT; 8:00 am Hawaii

[Register.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

## **Tools & Information**

---

### **AoA's April Widget and Other Social Media**

National Volunteer Week is April 21 – 27, 2013. During this observance, people across the nation celebrate the impact of volunteerism in America. The Administration on Aging's (AoA) statistics widget features current data on older volunteers and offers ideas on how you can celebrate service during National Volunteer Week. When you click on the AoA statistics widget, you'll learn what the volunteer rate for older Americans was in 2012. Visit the AoA Widgets page to view AoA's statistics widget and the Healthy Tips widget.

AoA is a part of the Administration for Community Living (ACL), which has an active presence on social networking sites. ACL recently launched an ACL Facebook page where you'll find updates on ACL's programs, ideas on how to celebrate Older Americans Month, and resources for older adults and people with disabilities and their families. ACL also has an active ACL Twitter account. You can also stay connected to AoA on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Please click the "Like" button for ACL and AoA on Facebook, check our tweets on the AoA and ACL Twitter pages, and view and share our videos on YouTube.

We have also launched the ACL blog. Recent blog posts reflect on the third anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, Developmental Disabilities Awareness

Month and the impact of the OAA Nutrition Program. Visit the ACL blog today to learn more.

E-cards can be a great way to stay in touch with friends and family. AoA's social media includes engaging e-cards with links to online health resources. Our e-greetings offer tips on the healthiest foods to eat, different types of exercise and volunteering. We also offer e-cards to thank caregivers for all the work that they do, caring for their loved ones. To view all AoA e-cards and select one for a friend, visit AoA's e-cards page.

If you have any questions or comments on our social media content, feel free to contact [Augustina.Howe@aoa.hhs.gov](mailto:Augustina.Howe@aoa.hhs.gov).

[Back to the top](#)

### **NIAMS Welcomes Four New Advisory Council Members**

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) has appointed four new members to its advisory council. The council comprises scientific and lay members who have expertise in the mission areas of the institute. Council members provide advice to the institute on broad policy issues, and make recommendations on research proposals. NIAMS is part of the National Institutes of Health.

[Click here](#) to read more about the new members and the council.

[Back to the top](#)

### **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day—Save the Date**

The US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled the next [2013 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#) on April 27, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The [Partnership Toolbox](#), which includes free promotional materials, is now available for download.

[Back to the top](#)

### **Recent Reports**

[\*2013 Retirement Confidence Survey: Perceived Savings Needs Outpace Reality for Many\*](#)

Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute

Date: March 2013

[2013 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures](#)

Source: Alzheimer's Association

Date: March 2013

[Cost of the Future Newly Insured under the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#)

Source: Society of Actuaries

Date: March 2013

[International Federation of Health Plans 2012 Comparative Price Report](#)

Source: International Federation of Health Plans

Date: March 2013

[2013 State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey Results](#)

Source: Nonprofit Finance fund

Date: March 25, 2013

[Uninsured Veterans and Family Members: State and National Estimates of Expanded Medicaid Eligibility under the ACA](#)

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Date: March 25, 2013

[Back to the top](#)

## **April Observances**

*For the month:*

Autism Awareness Month

Resources: [Autism Now](#); [Autism Speaks](#)

National Minority Health Month

Theme: "Advance Health Equity Now: Uniting our Communities to Bring Health Care Coverage to All."

Resource: [HHS Office of Minority Health](#)

*For the week:*

National Public Health Week (April 1-7)

Theme: "Public Health Is ROI: Save Lives, Save Money"

Resource: [American Public Health Association](#)

National Volunteer Week (April 21-28)

Theme: "Celebrate Service"

Resources: [Aging Network Volunteer Collaborative](#); [Points of Light](#)

*For the day:*

World Autism Awareness Day (April 2)  
Resources: [Autism Now](#); [Autism Speaks](#)

World Health Day (April 7—World Health Organization’s birthday)  
Theme: “Controlling High Blood Pressure”  
Resource: [World Health Organization](#)

Earth Day (April 22)  
Theme: “The Face of Climate Change”  
Resource: [Earth Day Network](#)

[Back to the top](#)

*ACL News and Info* is an electronic newsletter distributed by the ACL Office of External Affairs. Its contents are for informational purposes. [For information on ACL](#). You can also contact us at 202-619-0724 (phone); 202-357-3555 (fax) or by Email at [ACLinfo@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:ACLinfo@acl.hhs.gov)

Use of trade names and commercial sources is for identification only and does not imply endorsement by ACL. References to non-ACL sites on the Internet are provided as a service to *ACL News and Info* readers and do not constitute or imply endorsement of these organizations or their programs by ACL or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ACL is not responsible for the content of pages found at these sites. URL addresses listed in *ACL News and Info* were current as of the date of publication.