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### **Now Available: CMS Fact Sheet on Medicare Beneficiaries and the Health Insurance Marketplace**

The CMS FAQ fact sheet is designed to reassure people with Medicare that the Health Insurance Marketplace won't affect their Medicare coverage and is not part of Medicare Open Enrollment which occurs from October 15 to December 7, and to remind them to protect their personal information during the open enrollment season.

To get answers to questions about Medicare beneficiaries and the Health Insurance Marketplace, please read this important fact sheet, *People with Medicare and the Health Insurance Marketplace Frequently Asked Questions*. **Please also share this fact sheet with your colleagues and partners.**

<http://www.cms.gov/Center/Special-Topic/Open-Enrollment-Center.html>

### **Demonstration Ombudsman Program Funding Opportunity (for states already participating in the Financial Alignment Initiative)**

The Financial Alignment Initiative is a unique federal-state partnership to test aligning the service delivery and financing of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. As part of this effort, there is a need for strong beneficiary support, education, and outreach in each state that is implementing a Financial Alignment model.

This funding opportunity provides financial assistance to states to plan, develop, and provide Demonstration Ombudsman Program services for beneficiaries who are eligible under both Medicare and Medicaid. States will ensure that individual beneficiaries have access to person-centered assistance in resolving problems related to the Financial Alignment Demonstration.

The application deadline is October 3, 2013 for the Second Round and January 14, 2014 for the Third Round. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities Report Now Available in Spanish**

This report provides recommendations regarding Managed Long-Term Services and Supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the report.

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### **Affordable Care Act/Health Insurance Marketplace**

#### **Affordable Care Act Enrollee Surveys**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is seeking public comment on its plan to collect information from consumers about their experiences enrolling in health insurance through the Marketplaces. Known as the Qualified Health Plan Enrollee Survey and the Marketplace survey, these tools will include questions on how easy information was to understand and on the quality of interpreter services.

Each Marketplace will display information from the surveys to allow individuals to see how consumers rate their experience among comparable insurance plans.

Both surveys are available in English and Spanish. [Click here](#) to read the surveys and submit your feedback. **Comments must be received by Tuesday, August 27, 2013.**

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#### **Health Insurance Marketplace Training Webinar**

***Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. ET: Health Insurance Marketplace 101***

This webinar, hosted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, is for people who want to better understand the basics of the Health Insurance Marketplace. It includes an overview of the accomplishments of the Affordable Care Act, and a basic introduction to the Marketplace, highlighting who is eligible and how the Marketplace will work.

[Register.](#)

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## **Young Invincibles Video Contest Raises Awareness about the Affordable Care Act**

With new subsidized health insurance plans provided by the Affordable Care Act, many young Americans will have more health insurance options available to them.

[Young Invincibles](#) and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services have created a competition that will tap into the creativity and energy of young Americans while raising awareness about the new law and encouraging young people to take advantage of the benefits of health insurance. Cash prizes will be awarded to the creators of the best videos in three distinct categories.

The submission deadline is Monday, September 23, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## **Other Funding Opportunities**

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### **Multiple Chronic Conditions: Network and Infrastructure Support for the Development of Interdisciplinary Aging Research**

This National Institutes of Health funding opportunity provides network and infrastructure support to foster the development of interdisciplinary aging research on multiple chronic conditions.

The application deadline is September 25, 2013. Click [here](#) for more information.

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### **Improving Access to Oral Health**

DentaQuest Foundation is accepting applications on an ongoing basis for the [Innovation Fund for Oral Health](#). The program supports nonprofit organizations that are working to create systems changes to reduce and eliminate barriers to oral healthcare access and to promote community-based prevention strategies.

For more information, contact Andrea Forsht, 617-886-1760; [andrea.forsht@dentaquestfoundation.org](mailto:andrea.forsht@dentaquestfoundation.org)

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## **Webinars**

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### **Upcoming Webinars Hosted by the Association of University Centers on Disabilities**

#### ***How Persistent are Developmental Delays in Young Children in the US? Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. ET***

Little is known about the persistence of young children's developmental delays. This presentation will explore this issue using data from two longitudinal samples of U.S. children. The findings have important implications for how developmental services should be configured. [Register](#) here.

#### ***Self-Advocacy Online & Research Translation: Fuller Participation for Individuals with ID/DD Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. ET***

Self-Advocacy Online is an educational and networking website for teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is a place to find accessible information on current topics in self-advocacy. Key areas of the site include a listing of self-advocacy groups, a video story wall, an online learning center, and research studies translated into accessible documents. [Register](#) here to learn more about Self-Advocacy Online through this webinar.

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### **Upcoming Webinars from the AIDS Community Research Initiative of America**

#### ***Sexual Health of Older Adults and HIV Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. ET***

This two-hour webinar provides a comprehensive overview of sexual activity among older adults and the need for effective and tailored HIV/STI prevention messages to help improve sexual health. Data on the sexual activity and function of older adults will be provided from a number of sources, including ACRIA's research with older adults.

#### ***Resiliency of Older Adults Living with HIV Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. ET***

This two-hour webinar will provide an overview of the different types of resiliency qualities and how their associations with positive healthy behaviors impact the health of older adults living with HIV.

[Register](#) for one or both sessions. For help with registration contact: Elizabeth Dominguez at [edominguez@acria.org](mailto:edominguez@acria.org) or 212-924-3934 x134.

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## **Stay Informed**

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### **Advancing Excellence Campaign Announces Nine New Quality Goals for Nursing Homes**

Last week, the [Advancing Excellence Campaign](#) announced its completion of [nine new quality goals](#) with toolkits to support nursing home quality improvement projects. The objective of the Campaign is to ensure that every nursing home resident in America experiences person-centered quality of life as a result of a stable and empowered workforce, the improvement of clinical and organizational outcomes, as well as open communication and transparency.

*Note:* An informational webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. ET. To register, contact Adrienne Thomas at [athomas@aeltc.org](mailto:athomas@aeltc.org).

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### **Sixth Annual National Falls Prevention Awareness Day**

September 22, 2013 is the Sixth Annual National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. This initiative of the National Council on Aging (NCOA), in partnership with *Go4Life*, promotes public awareness of how to prevent and reduce falls among older adults.

This year's theme is *Preventing Falls—One Step at a Time*. The goal is to unite professionals, older adults, caregivers, and family members to play a part in raising awareness and preventing falls.

[Click here](#) for resources from NCOA.

*Go4Life's* resources include:

- [Preventing Falls](#)
- [Exercise to Improve Your Balance](#)
- [Information about Balance](#)
- [Balance exercises to try!](#)

For more information about falls and their effect on older adults, see the National Institute on Aging's (NIA) AgePage on [Falls and Fractures](#) (also available [in Spanish](#)) and NIH Senior Health's health topic on [Falls and Older Adults](#).

The National Institute on Aging is seeking applications from researchers for a clinical trial to prevent serious injuries resulting from falls in older people. This opportunity is part of an initiative by the new Falls Injuries Prevention Partnership between NIA and the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute. Proposals are due on November 13, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information.

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### **Video Contest: National Disability Institute's *My American Dream--Voices of Americans with Disabilities***

The National Disability Institute encourages people with disabilities to create and submit a three-minute video by Sept. 10, 2013 that tells your story and shows the steps you plan to take or the steps you are taking toward your American Dream. Be serious. Be funny. Be creative. How you share your story is up to you; it's the story that matters. America will vote and select a winner from five finalists beginning October 1, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information.

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