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## **Read HHS Secretary Sebelius and Administrator Greenlee's Thoughts on the *Olmstead* Anniversary**

Click on these links to read the full text:

[HHS Secretary Sebelius Statement on the 14th Anniversary of the \*Olmstead\* Decision](#)

[Blog on the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the \*Olmstead\* Decision](#)

*By ACL Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee*

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## **HHS Launches Health Insurance Marketplace Educational Tools**

Today the Obama administration kicked off the Health Insurance Marketplace education effort with a new, consumer-focused [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) website and the 24-hours-a-day consumer call center to help Americans prepare for open enrollment and ultimately sign up for private health insurance. The new tools will help Americans understand their choices and select the coverage that best

suits their needs when open enrollment in the new Health Insurance Marketplace begins October 1.

HealthCare.gov is the destination for the Health Insurance Marketplace. Americans may now access new educational information and learn what they can do to begin to get ready for open enrollment this fall. The website will add functionality over the summer so that, by October, consumers will be able to create accounts, complete an online application, and shop for qualified health plans. For Spanish speaking consumers, [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](http://CuidadoDeSalud.gov) will also be updated to match HealthCare.gov's new consumer focus.

[Read more.](#)

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### **ACL Office of Elder Rights Director Dieker Discusses SMP at Conference on Medical ID Theft**

While in attendance at the recent Federal Trade Commission (FTC) forum on *Senior Identity Theft: A Problem in This Day and Age*, Barbara Dieker, Director of the Administration for Community Living Office of Elder Rights, was given the opportunity to discuss the Senior Medicare Patrol Program (SMP). She addressed the added value SMP volunteers bring to the fight to prevent healthcare fraud and medical identity theft, and shared advice on how seniors can protect their personal information.

[Click here](#) to read the news article "8 Ways to Fight Medical ID Theft" by Rick Kam president and co-founder of ID Experts. A quote from Ms. Dieker is at the end of the article.

[Click here](#) to view the video of the forum.

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### **June 27, National HIV Testing Day**

Take the HIV Test on this Thursday, June 27, National HIV Testing Day. More than 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV. About one in five does not know she or he is infected. Finding out early can help you live a longer, healthier life. Knowing your HIV status lets you look out for yourself and people you love. The test for HIV is easy, free, fast and confidential.

[Click here](#) to find a testing site near you.

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## Stay Informed

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### **June 25 Webinar: *People with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Dementia***

*People with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Dementia* will be the topic of the second session of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) joint, five-part webinar series on Alzheimer's Disease and Resources.

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013  
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

[Click here](#) to register for the June 25<sup>th</sup> webinar and for more information on the remaining sessions.

[Click here](#) review materials from the May 23<sup>rd</sup> inaugural webinar session.

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### **June 27 Webinar: *Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention: Turning Strategy into Action***

This webinar is hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region V. You can participate live, by webcast or at an echo site.

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2013  
Time: 9:00 a.m. CST

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

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### **June 27 Videocast of NIH Kick-off Listening Session on LGBTI Health Research**

As part of its efforts to advance the health of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) individuals, the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) will seek community input from LGBTI health researchers and advocates over the next year to determine the highest priority research areas in LGBTI health. You are invited you to join NIH's kick-off Listening Session via videocast on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET. The event will be available via [live videocast](#). Comments and suggestions can also be submitted before, during, or after the Listening Session to [lgbtihealthresearch@od.nih.gov](mailto:lgbtihealthresearch@od.nih.gov).

To register for the event, please send an email with your name, affiliation and email address to [lgbtihealthresearch@od.nih.gov](mailto:lgbtihealthresearch@od.nih.gov).

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### **June 27 Webinar on *Evidence-based Arthritis Programs***

Sponsored by the National Council on Aging's Center for Healthy Aging, this webinar will share a broad overview of the [Arthritis Foundation](#) evidence-based programs and the Better Choices, Better Health®-Arthritis online program.

Date: June 27, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. -04:30 p.m. ET

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

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### **ACL and DoJ to Host Webinar on Helping Older Clients Facing High Impact Legal Issues**

The Administration for Community Living's National Legal Resource Center (NLRC), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice, will present a webinar for legal and aging service providers. This webinar will provide an overview of the NLRC and its partner organizations and focus on how professionals and advocates in law and aging can gain easy access to a wide range of resource support, expert consultation, training, and technical assistance on "high impact" legal issues confronting older persons with the greatest social or economic need.

Title: *The National Legal Resource Center: Resources, Training, and Technical Assistance to Help Older Clients*

Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2013

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

[More information and to register.](#)

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### **CMS Webinars on the *Health Insurance Marketplace*--Sign Up Today!**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be hosting webinars on the Health Insurance Marketplace (formally called the Exchange) throughout June and July. Space is limited to 200 people per webinar.

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

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## **Tools & Information**

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### **New Resource Tool for Providers to Meet the Needs of Adults with Physical Disabilities or Functional Limitations**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released the [Disability-Competent Care Assessment Tool](#), which is designed to help health plans and health systems evaluate their present ability to meet the needs of adults with physical disabilities or functional limitations. The Tool was developed by providers currently caring for adults with disabilities.

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### **NIA Partners with PCORI to Develop Falls Prevention Study**

Last week, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) announced the formation with the National Institute on Aging (NIA) of the “Falls Injuries Prevention Partnership.” The partnership will fund and conduct a major intervention study aimed at preventing injuries from falls in older adults. PCORI plans to commit up to \$30 million to this effort; NIA will work with PCORI stakeholders in design and management of the clinical trial.

A [Request for Information](#) (RFI), posted on the NIA website, seeks initial input from those interested in preventing injurious falls in older people, including organizations, agencies, services providers, health care professionals, caregivers, and older individuals. NIA and PCORI will develop a Funding Opportunity Announcement to be issued this summer. [More information on the partnership.](#)

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### **New NASUAD Report on *Aging and Disability Information and Referral/Assistance Networks: Challenges and Opportunities***

Published in May 2013, [Aging and Disability Information and Referral/Assistance Networks: Challenges and Opportunities](#) documents the results of a recent survey conducted by the National Association of State United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) on the challenges and opportunities within the information and referral/assistance networks.

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## **Long-Term & Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) and Health IT**

We know that Health IT provides an opportunity for the safe and timely exchange of health information across care settings to support patient-centered care, particularly during transitions of care – the “hand off.” While more and more physicians are adopting health IT systems, Meaningful Use Stage 2 takes an important first step in supporting the needs of persons who receive LTPAC services by requiring eligible providers to send care summaries during transitions of care, which may include LTPAC providers. As part of its education and information efforts, HealthIT.gov has launched a new [webpage](#) that will house resources where you can learn about LTPAC and Health IT.

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## **Comments Requested for Draft Plan on Screening for High Blood Pressure in Adults**

The [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#) (USPSTF) welcomes your input on its draft research plan on screening for high blood pressure in adults. Comments will be accepted through July 17, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information and guidance on how to submit your comments.

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## **June Observances**

*For the month:*

Caribbean American Heritage Month (June 8 - Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day)

Resource: [National Caribbean American Heritage Month Presidential Proclamation](#)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month

Resource: [Library of Congress Presidential Proclamation Statement from HHS Secretary Sebelius](#)

Men’s Health Month

*For the Day:*

June 27: PTSD Awareness Day

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