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Unleash the Power of Age!

For 50 years, May has been the month we celebrate older adults across the nation. You could say that this year, Older Americans Month is coming of age. There is no age limit on achievement—and older Americans are doing incredible things. They make a difference in their communities by continuing their careers, pursuing new business ventures, and volunteering in their retirement years.

It is an honor to highlight people who improve their communities in countless ways, all year round. These 60-plus-year-olds have been nominated for recognition of their efforts in the “Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge.”

Starting May 20th, you can visit Challenge.gov to vote for your favorite nominees. Three honorees will be chosen from the many who were nominated. All are winners.

Throughout the year, the Administration on Aging—and its national aging services network—advances the independence and well-being of older adults. You can help Unleash the Power of Age! by joining in the celebration of Older Americans Month. Consider the following ideas:

- Celebrate older adults by sharing information with your social networks on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#).
- Find volunteer opportunities near you by visiting [United We Serve](#).
- Learn how your organization can tap into the vast talents of older adults by visiting the [Aging Network’s Volunteer Collaborative](#) .

Whether you’re planning a community-wide event or telling someone that you appreciate them, you can join the celebration!

For more ideas, visit the [Older Americans Month 2013 website](#).

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New Senior Medicare Patrol Integration Projects Funding Opportunity

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is pleased to announce the availability of a new funding opportunity – the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Integration Projects. With this Program Announcement, ACL seeks to expand the reach of the SMP program by supporting the development of outreach and education strategies aimed at integrating traditionally hard-to-reach populations.

Strategies should include the promotion of national partnerships, as well as, the development and dissemination of outreach and education materials to assist the SMP project grantees in their expansion efforts to ensure high quality and culturally competent service delivery.

ACL will award up to three cooperative agreements, to applicants that seek to develop targeted strategies for outreach to and education of Medicare beneficiaries in the following traditionally hard-to-reach populations:

- Medicare beneficiaries under age 65.
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Seniors.
- American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Medicare Beneficiaries.

ACL plans to fund three (3) cooperative agreements (one for each of the priority areas listed above) at a federal funding level of up to \$150,000 for one 17 month project period, pending the availability of Federal funds.

[Click here](#) for details on this funding announcement.

Questions may be directed to Rebecca Kinney at rebecca.kinney@acl.hhs.gov.

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Online Dialogue on Successful Transition from School to Work of Persons with Disabilities

Dialogue will shape federal strategies for helping young people with disabilities successfully transition from school to work

Members of the public are invited to participate in an online dialogue to examine the impact of existing federal regulations and legislation on the successful transition from school to work of youths and young adults with disabilities. The U.S. departments of Health and Human Services, Labor and Education and the Social Security Administration will host the event. They invite policymakers, service providers, the advocacy community, and others to join this conversation to improve transition outcomes.

Youths and young adults with disabilities face unique challenges that may complicate their educational achievements as well as their plans for school, training and work. As a result, they may have poorer educational and employment outcomes than their peers without disabilities and fail to achieve the maximum independence possible.

The four host agencies are particularly interested in identifying federal legislative and regulatory barriers regarding employment, education, Social Security, and health and human services. Input received during the two-week, facilitated online dialogue will help these agencies improve policies, practices and interagency strategic planning.

Date: May 13-27, 2013

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Transportation Planning for All - Call for Peers

[Transportation Planning for All](#) calls for peers/catalysts to support the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Transportation project's inclusive planning grantees.

Individuals with an inclusive approach to working with older adults and people with disabilities of all ages who want to improve transportation access within their communities or across the nation are encouraged to apply. Those selected will have an opportunity to share tips and how-to's with others.

The deadline for our first selection is **May 31, 2013**. The application is a short one. Learn more about this opportunity and [complete a participation form](#).

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2013 Webinar Series on Alzheimer's Disease and Resources

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) are collaborating to host a webinar series with the goals of 1) improving coordination of federal resources available to assist people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their family caregivers and 2) encouraging awareness of research participation opportunities.

NIA & ACL invite you to take advantage of these opportunities. You can register for all the webinars or just the one or two that most interest you. Registration will open approximately two months in advance of each webinar. The schedule is as follows:

Webinar #1: *Updates on Alzheimer's Disease Research & Resources*

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Much has happened since our first overview session in May, 2012. Join this session to find out the latest detailed information on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, including:

- The updated 2013 National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease
- Research updates & developments, including new clinical studies funded
- Resource updates & developments, including updates from alzheimers.gov, ADEAR, Eldercare Locator, and National Alzheimer's Contact Center

Presenters:

- Jane Tilly, DrPH, Office of Supportive & Caregiver Services, Administration on Aging, ACL
- Nina Silverberg, PhD, Assistant Director, Alzheimer's Disease Centers Program, NIA
- Jennifer Martindale-Adams, EdD, Co-Director, Caregiver Center, Memphis VA Medical Center
- Ruth Drew, Director of Family & Information Services, Alzheimer's Association
- Mary Osborne, Program Manager, Eldercare Locator, n4a
- Jennifer Watson, Project Officer, Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center, NIA

Moderator: Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, ACL

To register for the online event:

1. [Click here](#) to open the registration site.
2. On the registration form, enter your information and click "Submit". Once the host approves your registration, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event.

Webinar #2: *People with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Dementia*

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. ET

Alzheimer's disease occurs three to five times more often among people with Down syndrome than the general population. People with intellectual or developmental disabilities and dementia may face unique challenges, as well as experiences similar to others with dementia. This session will cover:

- Overview of the scale and scope of issues
- Research directions and opportunities, including recruitment
- Specialized resources available

Presenters:

- Laurie Ryan, PhD, Program Director, Alzheimer's Clinical Trials, NIA
- Michelle Washko, PhD, Center for Disability and Aging Policy, ACL
- Seth Keller, MD, Co-Chair, National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices and Immediate Past President, American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry
- Ira T. Lott, MD, Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology, University of California at Irvine School of Medicine

- Andrew Morris, Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, ACL

Moderator: Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, ACL

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Webinar #3: *Diverse Populations, Health Disparities and Dementia*

Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET

Join this session to learn what experts know about the experience of dementia in diverse populations, and hear what researchers are doing to better understand and improve outcomes for people with dementia and their caregivers. This session will focus on American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian, African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people with dementia and their family caregivers.

Registration information to follow.

Webinar #4: *Younger Onset Dementia*

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. ET

The focus of this webinar will be on dementias that typically occur before age 65: Alzheimer's disease, behavioral variant frontotemporal degeneration and primary progressive aphasia. This session will also discuss the specific developmental, relational, and financial impacts of younger onset dementias, as well as detection, diagnosis, resources and research directions.

Registration information to follow.

Webinar #5: *Advanced Stage Dementia & Palliative Care*

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Details and registration information to follow.

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From the HHS Secretary

Health Centers to Help Uninsured Individuals Gain Affordable Health Insurance Coverage

Obama administration provides \$150 million for health centers to offer enrollment assistance nationwide

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius last week announced new funding to help more uninsured Americans enroll in new health insurance coverage options made available by the Affordable Care Act. Approximately \$150 million will help community health centers provide in-person enrollment assistance to uninsured individuals across the nation. About 1,200 health centers operate nearly 9,000 service delivery sites nationwide and serve approximately 21 million patients each year.

With these new funds, health centers will be able to hire new staff, train existing staff, and conduct community outreach events and other educational activities. Health centers will help consumers understand their coverage options, determine their eligibility and enroll in new affordable health insurance options. Community health center staff will provide unbiased information to consumers about health insurance, the new Health Insurance Marketplace, qualified health plans, and Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

[Read more.](#)

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Celebrate National Women's Health Week

Join the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Women's Health (OWH) as it celebrates the 14th annual [National Women's Health Week](#) (NWHW) this week. Take the time to empower women to make their health a priority. Read the [National Women's Health Week, 2013 Presidential Proclamation](#).

Part of empowering women is educating them about steps to improve their health, which include:

- Visiting a health care professional to receive regular checkups and preventive screenings.
- Getting active.

- Eating healthy.
- Paying attention to their mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress.
- Avoiding unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking, texting while driving, and not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet.

Available at the OWH website are activity planning resources, in English and Spanish, to help promote NWHW and to plan your event. At the website you can also register your event(s).

You can also empower women by letting them know about the new Health Insurance Marketplace and how the Affordable Care Act benefits them. Starting October 1, whether a woman is uninsured, or just wants to explore new options, she can visit the new Health Insurance Marketplace, a website where she will be able to choose from a range of private health plans which will cover essential care including hospitalizations, outpatient visits and maternity and newborn care.

Join the NWHW Twitterchat:

The HHS Office on Women's Health is hosting a National Women's Health Week Twitterchat with a special guest on Wednesday, May 15th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET on @womenshealth with #NWHWchat. The chat will primarily focus on women's health and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Questions that are likely to be answered will focus on these topics.

Read a message from [HHS Secretary Sebelius on National Women's Health Week](#).

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New HHS Initiative Gives Consumers Unprecedented Access to Medical Care Cost Data

Last week, for the first time for public review, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released data on the prices that hospitals charge for the 100 most common inpatient procedures from more than 3,000 hospitals that receive Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) payments. The data shows significant variation across the country and within communities in what hospitals charge for common IPPS services.

The public release of the data is part of a new three-part Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative to increase transparency in the health system.

[Data fact sheet.](#)

[Click here](#) to read more and to access the data report.

Associated Funding Opportunity

To make these data useful to consumers, HHS is also providing [funding](#) to data centers to collect, analyze and publish health pricing and medical claims reimbursement data. The data centers' work helps consumers better understand the comparative price of procedures in a given region or for a specific health insurer or service setting. Businesses and consumers alike can use these data to drive decision-making and reward cost-effective provision of care.

The purpose of Cycle III of the Rate Review Grant program is to continue the rate review successes of Cycle I and II as well as to provide greater support to Data Centers. By increasing support to Data Centers through the Cycle III FOA, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) hopes to increase transparency in health care pricing, thereby helping consumers and employers make better health care decisions.

Important Dates:

Mandatory Letter of Intent to Apply Due Date: June 17, 2013

Application Due Date: August 1, 2013

Anticipated Notice of Award: Prior to September 30, 2013

[Click here](#) for more information.

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Privately Insured Americans to Learn about the Health Insurance Marketplaces

By Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services
(Original blog post to Healthcre.gov on May 08, 2013)

Starting in 2014 there will be a new way for you to buy health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Whether you're uninsured, or just want to explore new options, the Marketplace will give you more choice and control over your health insurance options.

Today, the Departments of Health and Human Services and Labor are taking another step to let you know about new insurance options available in 2014. Over the course of the remainder of the year, businesses and health insurers in

the individual market will send Americans information about coverage through the Marketplace

Among those who will get notices are the approximately 7 million individuals and their dependants who become eligible for coverage through COBRA every year, including people who may be in between jobs and have the option to buy into their former employer's coverage. COBRA coverage is generally expensive, and a number of people turn it down and become uninsured. From now on, people leaving their jobs will learn that they may be eligible for affordable insurance through the Marketplace. People who purchase coverage through the Marketplace instead of COBRA could cut their premiums by as much as half. They may also qualify for a new kind of tax credit that lowers monthly premiums right away.

These notices are the just another step in the Administration's efforts to raise awareness of the new, quality, affordable health insurance options available in 2014. Open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace begins October 1, 2013.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace.

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Drucker Institute Invites Applications for 2013 Award for Nonprofit Innovation

The [Drucker Institute](#) at Claremont Graduate University is accepting applications for the 2013 Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation. This is an annual award that recognizes a nonprofit organization which best demonstrates Peter Drucker's definition of innovation: "change that creates a new dimension of performance."

The award, which includes an unrestricted cash prize of \$100,000, recognizes an existing program that has made a difference in the lives of the people it serves and will be granted to the nonprofit organization that best demonstrates innovation.

The application deadline is July 1, 2013.

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

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Sixth Annual Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Award

Nonprofit organizations, government agencies and universities are invited to apply for the sixth annual Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Award.

[Click here](#) for more information.

The applications deadline is August 16, 2013. [Click here](#) to download the application.

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Stay Informed

This Week's Quick Facts

In 2010, among 16 to 64-year olds with severe disabilities, 56 percent reported that their disability prevented them from working.

More than 80 percent of centenarians are women. The 2010 Census counted 53,364 people age 100 and older in the United States, and they were overwhelmingly female.

Webinar on National Hepatitis Testing Day

May 19th has been designated as National Hepatitis Testing Day in the United States. Millions of Americans have chronic viral hepatitis but many do not know they are infected since they do not look or feel sick. Yet over time, approximately 15%–25% of people with chronic viral hepatitis develop serious liver problems – such as liver damage, cirrhosis, liver failure and liver cancer – and African Americans are twice as likely to be infected with hepatitis C compared to the general U.S. population. Learning if one is infected is key to diagnosing chronic viral hepatitis early and getting appropriate medical care.

Please join the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships as well as the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for an interactive webinar session on National Hepatitis Testing Day.

Date: Monday, May 13, 2013
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT

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Mental Health Webinar: *Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators?*

Sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), this webinar will provide an overview of the Mental Health Leading Health Indicator (LHI), one of 12 LHI topics released by HHS. The discussion will also highlight one program's success around suicide prevention in a Tribal community.

Objectives:

- To raise awareness of the Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicators (LHIs) and actions that can be taken to address them.
- To examine the context in addressing each LHI topic.
- To explore how states, communities, and organizations are addressing the LHIs using innovative and evidence-based approaches.

Presentations:

- LHI Topic Overview: Mental Health
- Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? – Mental Health

Presenters:

Don Wright, MD, MPH, Director, ODPHP, HHS

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Time: 12:00 p.m. EDT

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NCOA Webinar on *Using Social Media to Advance Your Mission and Program Reach*

Facebook; Twitter; YouTube; Pinterest. You may be familiar with these and other social media tools, but do you know how to use them on an organizational level to reach your target audience?

Join the National Council on Aging's Center for Healthy Aging and Center for Benefits Outreach & Enrollment for its May webinar to examine some of the

most commonly used social media tools, who's using them and how they can advance the mission of your organization.

Discover:

- How to set up an organizational Facebook page and Twitter feed.
- Examples of how agencies throughout the aging network have used Twitter and Facebook to successfully reach their target audiences.
- How to measure your social media outreach.
- Other new social media outlets and how you might use them to promote your cause.

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013-05-09

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET

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Webinar Reminders

CDC Webinar on Google Plus & YouTube for Public Health

Join the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) for the fifth in its free six part webinar series titled “In the Know: Social Media for Public Health.” Each webinar will focus on a different social media channel and provides basic tips, information and hints for how to use them to meet your needs. The webcasts are live events and will include presentations and an interactive section so you can ask questions and share information.

Google Plus & YouTube for Public Health will explore how these social media channels can be used effectively for public health impact.

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

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

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Webinar on Are You Ready? Planning and Preparing for National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month 2013 is just around the corner. This July, organizations across the country will be taking part in this year's celebration. To help you get ready to take part, the National Alliance on

Mental Illness (NAMI) and the National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health (NNED) are organizing a series of planning webinars. These webinars are designed to help interested individuals and organizations big and small plan a variety of community events

Are You Ready? Planning and Preparing for National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EDT

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Two-Part Webinar Series on Expanding Oral Health Access for Older Adults

Expanding Oral Health Access for Older Adults is a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative involving the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, HHS Health Resources Service Administration, and the HHS Office of Women's Health. *Older Adults and Oral Health: Inspiring Community-Based Partnerships for Healthy Mouths* is the topic of the first of two webinars to be sponsored by this initiative.

The goal of this webinar is to describe the oral health status of older adults in the U.S., provide useful resources and highlight two innovative community approaches to improving oral health access for older adults.

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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

Moderator:

Sabrina Matoff-Stepp, Ph.D., Director, Office of Women's Health, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Speakers:

- RADM William Bailey, USPHS Chief Dental Officer, and Acting Director, Division of Oral Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CAPT Angel Rodriguez-Espada, Chief Dental Officer, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HHS Health Resources Service Administration
- Laura Lawrence, Director, Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs, Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living

- Omar L.Ghoneim, *DDS*, Corporate Dental Director, Harbor Health Services Inc.
- Donna Bileto, *MA*, *CIRS-A*, Community Service Specialist, Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Betty Hillier, *LNHA*, *RCAL*, *CCNC-C*, Assistant Administrator, Presence Saint Anne Center
- Cate Osterholz, Assistant Administrator, Presence Cor Mariae Center
- Becky Cook Kendall, Executive Director, Rockford Health Council

To register for the online event:

1. [Click here](#).
2. Click "Register".
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

Space is limited, so please register as early as possible. POC:
Danielle.Nelson@AoA.hhs.gov

This webinar will be recorded and posted to the [AoA](#) and [HRSA](#) Oral Health web sites soon after the webinar.

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National Resource Center on Nutrition Aging Webinars on Identifying the Actual Cost of a Meal

As part of the Momentum Series, the National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging is sponsoring two different webinars on Identifying the Actual Cost of a Meal.

Part 1 – What is the Importance for the Nutrition Program

Part 1 of the two part series focuses on an overview from the state, area agency on aging and local provider perspective. A provider of nutrition services is fundamentally a business whose intent is to fulfill its mission—and not to lose money in the process. There is pressure to be cost-effective and full understand actual costs and acceptable “profit margins” before entering into the change business arena of insurance, managed care, and other funders of long term services and supports.

Presenters:

- Paul Downey, President/CEO of Senior Community Centers and President National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)
- Leighanna Konetski, RD, Nutritionist, State Unit on Aging, Colorado Department of Human Services

- Maria Mahar, MA, RDN, CDN, Director of Nutrition Services, Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. EDT

Part 2 – Understanding and Calculating Meal Costs

Part 2 will focus on understanding all of the components of the total meal cost (not just the raw food cost) and will provide the tools to identify and calculate actual meal costs. Use of these tools will assist in monitoring and managing meal costs to assist in surviving in this competitive environment. Webinar participants will be given a workbook with cost management exercises and will have the opportunity ask questions and share ideas.

Presenter:

Audrey McCool, EdD, RD, LD, Emeritus Professor from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. EDT

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[Click here](#) to learn more about the Nutrition Resource Center, tools, and future webinars.

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HHS Partnership Center Health Care Law Webinars in May

The 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.

To participate in one of the May webinars, please click on the title of the webinar and fill out the registration form. After registering you will receive an e-mail confirmation containing information about joining the webinar.

Contact the HHS Partnership Center at ACA101@hhs.gov if you have problems registering or if you have any questions about the health care law.

[Make the Call, Don't Miss A Beat!](#)

You are invited to a webinar titled Make the Call, Don't Miss a Beat! a webinar seeking to educate and empower women age 50+ and to encourage women to call 9-1-1 immediately when they experience any of the seven symptoms of a heart attack, and to do the same for their mothers, sisters, and friends. The HHS Office on Women's Health's new campaign builds on OWH's successful "Make the Call, Don't Miss a Beat" campaign that began in 2011. This webinar will be offered in English at Noon and in Spanish at 1:00 pm ET.

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Time: 12:00 p.m. p.m. ET

[The Health Care Law 101 \(in Spanish\)](#)

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

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. ET

[The Health Care Law 101](#)

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.

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. ET

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Webinar on *Feel Good Bingo*® for Older Adults

Screening for Mental Health® (SMH), a national nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce the opportunity for you to be involved with *Feel Good Bingo*®, a depression education program for older adults. The program kit and webinar training is being made available at no cost.

Feel Good Bingo® helps seniors start the conversation about the signs and symptoms of depression in a comfortable, social environment. Instead of letters and numbers, each player's game card contains various icons depicting common symptoms of depression. The game includes enough materials for 25 participants, including bingo game boards, bingo chips, screening forms, an educational flyer, facilitator cards and an implementation guide.

After the training, you will be able to identify the warning signs and symptoms of depression and suicide as it pertains to a population of older adults. Also, you will be able to successfully implement and facilitate the *Feel Good Bingo*[®] program.

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

[Register.](#)

Space is limited; please sign up early to ensure your first choice training date. You will receive your *Feel Good Bingo*[®] kit after participating in a training webinar.

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Free IHI Triple Aim Framework Informational Call

The [IHI Triple Aim Framework](#)—the simultaneous pursuit of better care for individuals, better health for populations and lower per capita costs—has become increasingly central to discussions about health care improvement. The Institute for Healthcare Improvement ([IHI](#)) pioneered the Triple Aim Framework and has piloted its development with leading systems, clinicians, grass roots organizations, and communities around the world, showing how ambitious organizations can get the results they are seeking in all three dimensions.

Starting in September, IHI will convene a [Triple Aim Improvement Community](#) working collaborative to pursue the Triple Aim. IHI can help you develop and implement strategies to achieve Triple Aim results for the populations you serve.

You are invited to participate in a [free informational call](#) to learn more about the IHI Triple Aim and the September launch of the Triple Aim Improvement Community working collaborative.

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

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***Webinar on Partnering to Serve Veterans and Family Caregivers:
Collaborative Opportunities with the Caregiver Support and Geriatrics &
Extended Care Programs***

In FY 12, 8.8 million of the 22.3 million Veterans in the United States were enrolled in the VA Health Care System. In addition, many Veterans who receive care through the VA also receive care from community providers. The goal of this webinar is to promote cross-program collaboration between the VA and the Aging and Disability Services Networks at state and local levels.

The webinar will highlight services available through VA's Caregiver Support Program such as Building Better Caregivers, REACH VA, the Caregiver Support Line, Peer Support Mentoring and the role of the Caregiver Support Coordinator. The many services available to Veterans offered by Geriatrics & Extended Care including: Veteran Directed Care, Home Based Primary Care, Respite Care and a range of long term care community based support services will be covered.

At the conclusion of this program, Aging and Disability Network Providers will have an increased understanding of the VHA System of Care, knowledge of the supportive services and programs offered by VA to Veterans as well as key VA points of contact at state and local levels.

Presenters:

- Margaret B. Kabat LCSW-C, CCM, Deputy Director, Caregiver Support Program, Care Management and Social Work Services
- Daniel J. Schoeps, Director, Purchased Long Term Care Services and Supports, Geriatrics and Extended Care
- Patrick O'Keefe, Program Analyst, Geriatrics and Extended Care

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. ET

To register for this online event:

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Tools & Information

Vermont Hosts Long Term Care Ombudsmen from 41 States

Vermont welcomed 70 participants from 41 states for the Annual State Long Term Care Ombudsman National Training Conference held April 27-30. Hosted by the Vermont Long Term Care Ombudsman Project at Vermont Legal Aid, the conference was held at the Courtyard Marriott in Burlington.

Participants and presenters included State Long Term Care Ombudsmen as well as representatives from the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the National Ombudsman Resource Center, the National Association of State Units on Aging and Disabilities, and the Vermont Survey and Certification Agency.

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CDC Study Highlights Hepatitis C Impact on Baby Boomers

A report in the May 7th issue of [Vital Signs](#), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) monthly newsletter, includes data that underscore the severe impact of hepatitis C among baby boomers. In the eight areas studied, 67 percent of all reported cases of current infection were among those born from 1945 through 1965. Deaths among people with hepatitis C also were more common among those born during these years (accounting for 72 percent of all reported deaths).

CDC recommends that everyone in the United States born from 1945 through 1965 be tested for hepatitis C. CDC also recommends that other populations at increased risk for hepatitis C get tested, including those who received blood transfusions or organ transplants before widespread screening of the blood supply began in 1992, or those who have ever injected drugs.

The report also reinforces need for appropriate follow-up testing for current infection. Only half of Americans identified as ever having had hepatitis C received follow-up testing showing that they were still infected.

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National Healthcare Quality & Disparities Reports

Tools for measuring health care quality

For the 10th year in a row, the Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has produced the [National Healthcare Quality Report](#) (NHQR) and the [National Healthcare Disparities Report](#) (NHDR).

These reports measure trends in effectiveness of care, patient safety, timeliness of care, patient centeredness, and efficiency of care. The reports present, in chart form, the latest available findings on quality of and access to health care.

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Recent Reports

[*Medicare Essential: An Option to Promote Better Care and Curb Spending Growth*](#)

Source: The Commonwealth Fund

Date: May 6, 2013

[*The Oregon Experiment — Effects of Medicaid on Clinical Outcomes*](#) (Abstract)

Source: New England Journal of Medicine

Date: May 2013

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

Source: Urban Institute

Date: March 2013

[*Declining Medicine Use and Costs: For Better or Worse?*](#)

(A Review of the Use of Medicines in the United States in 2012)

Source: IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics

Date: May 2013

[*Americans' Perspectives on New Retirement Realities and the Longevity Bonus*](#)

(A 2013 Merrill Lynch Retirement Study, conducted in partnership with Age Wave)

Source: Merrill Lynch

Date: May 2013

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May Observances

For the month:

Arthritis Awareness Month

Resources: [Arthritis Foundation](#)

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Theme: "I Want the Wide American Earth"

[Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, 2013 Presidential Proclamation](#)

[Message from HHS Secretary Sebelius](#)

Resources: [Smithsonian Institution Asian Pacific American Center](#) or [Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association](#)

Healthy Vision Month

Resource: [National Eye Institute](#)

Hepatitis Awareness Month (May 19 is National Hepatitis Testing Day)

Resource: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Hepatitis Testing Day Webpage](#)

High Blood Pressure Awareness Month

Resource: [National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute](#)

Jewish American Heritage Month

Theme: American Jews in Entertainment

Resource: [Jewish American Heritage Month](#)

National Fitness and Sports Month

[National Fitness and Sports Month, 2013 Presidential Proclamation](#)

Resource: [Healthfinder.gov](#) or [President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition](#)

National Mental Health Month

[National Mental Health Mon, 2013 Presidential Proclamation](#)

[Message from HHS Secretary Sebelius](#)

Theme: "Pathways to Wellness"

Resource: [Mental Health America](#)

Older Americans Month

Theme: "Unleash the Power of Age"

Resource: [ACL Older Americans Month Website](#)

Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

Resource: [American Cancer Society](#)

Stroke Awareness Month

Resource: [National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke](#) or [National Stroke Association](#)

For the week:

National Prevention Week 2013 (May 12-18)

Theme: "Your voice. Your choice. Make a difference."

Resource: [HHS Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration National Prevention Week Webpage](#)

National Women's Health Week (May 12-18)

Theme: "It's your time!"

Resource: [HHS Office on Women's Health National Women's Health Week Webpage](#)

National Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 26-June 1)

Resource: [National Hurricane Center](#)

For the Day:

World No Tobacco Day (May 31)

Theme: "Ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship"

Resource: [WHO World No Tobacco Day Webpage](#)

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