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ACL Webinar on Building Integrated Care Coalitions: The California Community of Constituents Initiative

On Tuesday, December 11, in partnership with The SCAN Foundation, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will continue its series of webinars on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (also known as the Affordable Care Act, or ACA) and its impact on older adults, people with

disabilities and the aging and disability networks, focusing on integrated care partnerships.

Title: Building Integrated Care Coalitions: The California Community of Constituents Initiative

Description:

Finding strength in numbers, state, regional and community-based organizations are increasingly coming together to collaborate and respond to state efforts to build integrated care systems. One example of such a collaborative is the Community of Constituents Initiative in California. Funded by The SCAN Foundation, this Initiative is building a statewide movement to transform the system of care so that all Californians can age with dignity, choice and independence. In this webinar we will present an overview of the Initiative, and spotlight three participating communities and the opportunities and challenges they have faced in responding to California's Coordinated Care Initiative.

Presenters:

Jack Hailey, Government Action and Communication Institute
Leann Marchese, San Diego Senior Alliance
Kali Peterson, The SCAN Foundation
Wendy Peterson, Senior Service Coalition of Alameda County

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012

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

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

[This webinar will also be recorded and posted on our web site after the webinar.](#)

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Webinar on *For Aging Network Professionals: Critical Legal Issues in Alzheimer's*

Presented by the Administration for Community Living's Administration on Aging and the American Bar Association, this webinar is part of the Legal Resources and Alzheimer's Webinar Series, which aims to provide continuing education to develop dementia capable legal professionals. It is open to any

professional in law or aging.

Topic: *For Aging Network Professionals: Critical Legal Issues in Alzheimer's*

Agenda:

- Common legal issues
- When to seek legal assistance
- Legal issue resources
- Finding dementia capable legal assistance

Presenters:

- David Godfrey, Esq., Senior Attorney, ABA Commission on Law and Aging
- Troy Johnson, MSW, Director of Programs and Services, Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass
- Jane Tilly, DrPH, Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services, Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2012

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

[Register](#)

The Legal Resources and Alzheimer's Webinar Series covers legal issues of people with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and their caregivers. Persons with Alzheimer's disease are particularly vulnerable to financial exploitation, physical or emotional abuse, and neglect both at home and in care facilities. These webinars, as outlined in the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, will help ensure that people with AD have their dignity, safety, and rights maintained.

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The Nursing Home Reform Law Turns 25

On December 22, 1987 President Ronald Reagan signed into law the first major revision of the federal standards for nursing home care since the 1965 creation of Medicare and Medicaid. Passed as part of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA 87), the Nursing Home Reform Law forever changed our nation's legal expectations of how nursing homes provide care and services. The law focuses on quality of care and quality of life outcomes for every individual resident and emphasizes that one's rights do not disappear when they live in a nursing home. The Nursing Home Reform Law is visionary in its insistence on

person-centered planning and services, requiring nursing homes to provide services to “attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of each resident.”

Twenty-five years ago, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs and Citizen Advocacy Organizations provided the grass-roots stories about the nursing home residents’ experiences that served as a catalyst for change and inspired these new standards. Today, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs continue to promote full implementation of the Nursing Home Reform Law by supporting every resident’s ability to make choices about their daily life and care. Dedicated staff and volunteer ombudsmen across the nation work to resolve individual resident complaints, promote resident interests in public policy, and serve as a resource to residents, their families and facility staff.

The [Consumer Voice](#) is hosting a virtual 25th Anniversary party to celebrate the Nursing Home Reform Law via telephone and webinar, and they would love for you to attend! The party will take place Friday, December 14th from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. ET.

Anyone is invited to participate in this FREE event. For more information about this virtual party and to register click [here](#).

[History of the Nursing Home Reform Law.](#)

For information on the ACL-sponsored National Ombudsman Resource Center, click [here](#).

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2013 Older Americans Month Theme Announced

Every year since 1963, May has been a month to appreciate and celebrate the vitality and aspirations of older adults and their contributions to our communities. The theme for Older Americans Month 2013, *Unleash the Power of Age*, has never been more fitting. Older Americans are productive, active and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom and life experience with their families, friends and neighbors.

This year, think about what your organization can do to help *Unleash the Power of Age*. Giving our elders opportunities to volunteer their time to support those who are less fortunate, to teach others the skills they’ve honed over the years or to become involved in civic matters are just a few ways you can *Unleash the Power of Age*. Help our older Americans stay positive, active, and looking forward.

Information to help your organization celebrate Older Americans Month will be coming soon!

[History of Older Americans Month](#)

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Year of Elder Abuse Prevention--New Resources Posted

As part of the Year of Elder Abuse Prevention (YEAP), announced in September, the Administration on Aging (AoA) is pleased to provide information, tools, and resources to support federal, state and local partners in their efforts to raise public awareness about elder abuse and shed light on the importance of preventing, identifying, and responding to this serious, often hidden problem. The YEAP toolkit includes an outreach guide, event planning materials, fact sheets, a Frequently Asked Questions booklet, web banner designs, YEAP poster, as well as customizable YEAP templates for newsletters, Power Points, and event flyers. In addition, the webpage contains information on social media outreach, including simple social media posts to help in promoting elder justice information and activities across popular social media platforms Facebook and Twitter. [YEAP webpage](#).

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New Report Shows Correlation between OAA Home-Delivered Meals to Seniors and Their Capability to Stay in Their Homes

The more states spend on home-delivered meals under the Older Americans Act (OAA), the fewer number of low-care residents they have in nursing homes, according to the newly published Brown University report *The Relationship between Older Americans Act Title III State Expenditures and Prevalence of Low-Care Nursing Home Residents*. The report provides a statistical analysis of a decade of spending and nursing home resident data. The data included state spending on OAA programs and performance information from each state between 2000 and 2009 as well as a variety of public health and nursing home data sources.

The Department of Health and Human Services' National Institute on Aging and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality provided funding in support of the research and report.

[Report](#) [Brown University Press Release](#)

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White House 2012 Tribal Nations Conference

On December 5th, the White House hosted its 2012 White House Tribal Nations Conference. The purpose of the conference was to further strengthen the government to government relationship between federally recognized tribes and the Obama Administration. All 566 federally recognized tribes were invited to send a representative to the Conference.

Included among the speakers who preceded remarks by President Obama, was Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sebelius. [You can read her remarks here.](#)

[Click here to read President Obama's remarks.](#)

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Medicare Beneficiaries Save \$5 Billion on Prescription Drugs Because of Health Care Law

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced last week that savings on prescription drugs made possible by the Affordable Care Act reached \$5.1 billion. More than 5.8 million people with Medicare have benefited from the assistance the health care law provides with the Medicare prescription drug coverage gap known as the donut hole. In the first 10 months of 2012 alone, almost 2.8 million individuals have saved an average of \$677 on prescription drugs. During the same period, about 23.4 million people with original Medicare received one or more preventive services at no cost to them, with 2.5 million having received an Annual Wellness Visit.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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New CPSC Report Highlights Fatalities and Injuries Related to Adult Portable Bedrails

The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) recently released a report outlining the hazards of adult bedrails including statistics on the numbers of injuries and deaths caused by bedrail accidents. In the report, *Adult Portable Bed Rail-Related Deaths, Injuries and Potential Injuries: January 2003 to September 2012*, CPSC estimates about 37,000 people were injured in bedrail accidents and treated at hospital emergency rooms from 2003 through 2011. Their research also found that 155 deaths were caused by bedrails (based on death certificate and hospital emergency room reviews). Around 126 of those who died were 60 or older and sixty-one percent of these deaths occurred at home. Nearly half of those who died had medical problems such as dementia,

heart disease and Parkinson's disease. The findings indicate that of the deaths 93% were from rail entrapment.

CPSC plans to use this data to explore what steps can be taken by CPSC to address hazards associated with these products. [Read the full report.](#)

Shortly after this report was released, the article [“After Dozens of Deaths, Inquiry into Bed Rails”](#) was published in The New York Times. The article shares the personal story of one woman's efforts to raise awareness of the hazards of bedrails.

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Funding Opportunity

MetLife Foundation Creativity and Aging in America Leadership Award

The MetLife Foundation Leadership Award recognizes three state-of-the-art programs in creativity and aging. Programs can take place in a variety of settings including: healthcare, arts institutions, or communities providing exemplary arts programming to the demographic they serve. There will be three Leadership Awards awarded annually, one in each of the following categories:

- Health and Wellness
- Lifelong Learning
- Community Building

The Winning Program will receive an award in the amount of \$5,000 and a complementary one-year National Center for Creative Aging (NCCA) Organizational membership.

The application deadline is 5:00 PM EST January 4, 2013.

Applicants must be a current member of NCCA.

[Click here for additional criteria and to download an application.](#)

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Call for Applications for Morris K. Udall Centers of Excellence for Parkinson's Disease Research Grants

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking applications for Morris K. Udall Centers of Excellence for Parkinson's Disease Research Grants.

The overarching goal of the Udall Centers program is to establish a network of Centers that work collaboratively as well as independently to define the causes of and discover improved treatments for Parkinson's disease (PD). A more immediate goal for each Center is to rapidly advance synergistic basic, translational and clinical research programs while serving as local resources and national leaders in PD research. A considerable degree of synergy must be evident among Center research projects.

NIH will award two grants for \$4,500,000 each.

The application deadline is January 23, 2013.

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

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Funding Opportunity for Guardianship Stakeholders

The National Guardianship Network Requests Proposals for Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS).

In 2011, the Third National Guardianship Summit recommended that states create Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) to advance adult guardianship reform. With support from the State Justice Institute and the Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging, the National Guardianship Network (NGN) has invited the chief justice and state court administrator of each state to partner with community entities in establishing and maintaining such ongoing interdisciplinary problem-solving stakeholder networks.

A total of four states each will receive a \$7,000 incentive grant plus technical assistance from NGN experts to develop a WINGS group. Experience in these four demonstration states will be used to promote ongoing WINGS groups in other jurisdictions, and the selected states will gain high visibility nationally.

The court must partner with the State Unit on Aging under the Older Americans Act, the state Adult Protective Services office and the federally-mandated state Protection & Advocacy agency or state Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Applications are due by Thursday January 31, 2013.

[Learn more and download the application](#)

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This Week's Quick Facts

Between 1965 and 2010, the percentage of older men who smoked cigarettes decreased from 29 percent to 10 percent. The percentage of older women who smoked remained relatively constant at around 9 percent.

Prescription drug costs vary significantly among older Americans. In 2008, approximately 6 percent of older adults had no prescription drug costs compared with 15 percent who had \$5,000 or more.

Medicare Wellness Power Community Launch Event

An invitation to the official launch exclusively for CMS partners

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) invites you to participate in a special CMS Partner preview of the Medicare Wellness Power Community, an online Community designed for health care professionals who want to learn more about Medicare wellness and preventive services for their patients. As a CMS partner, you are in a unique position to spread the word about Medicare wellness and preventive services. The Community provides an easy-to-navigate source for information, resources and tools that you and your members can use to increase awareness and use of these services.

Medicare Wellness Power makes available to you a wealth of exciting features, which include:

- A dynamic source for current announcements, events, and emerging news
- Peer group forums for collaboration and discussion of wellness and preventive services and Medicare
- A knowledge base of information, digital tools, and videos on a wide variety of topics

The launch date is Tuesday, December 11, 2012. Your feedback is welcomed.

Guest log-in credentials:

Go to www.cmswellnesspower.com

Log-in: WellnessPowerGuest@gmail.com

Password: TmnMrf09 (Please note: password is case-sensitive)
Go to Communities→→My Communities →→Centers for Medicare and
Medicaid Services→→Medicare Wellness Power

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Webinar on *The New Aging Marketplace and Its Impact on Older Americans*

In the next two decades, the proportion of older consumers will grow dramatically. Yet business organizations, inspired by “youth culture,” have been slow to recognize this marketplace in all its complexity.

Explore distinctive “silver industries” that will grow in years to come, including health care, financial services, retirement housing, and travel and hospitality, and examine both the opportunities and pitfalls for business and older consumers.

Speakers: Harry R. Moody, PhD, and Jennifer Sasser, PhD, co-authors of *Aging: Concepts and Controversies* (7th Edition)

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2012

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

[Register](#)

This webinar is sponsored by the National Council on Aging and IllumnAge.

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Webinar on Setting up and Operating a Voucher Transportation System

Would you like to learn the nuts and bolts of developing and operating a transportation voucher system? If yes, plan to participate in this webinar sponsored by the University of Montana's Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities.

Transportation is one of the most significant problems for people with disabilities who live in rural areas. While there are several models for providing transportation to rural residents, this session will describe a voucher model. Following the presentation portion of the webinar you will have the opportunity to ask questions and share practical information.

Date: Tuesday 18 December 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

[Register.](#)

[Learn more about this event.](#)

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Webinar Reminders

Partnership Center Webinars on the Health Care law and Civil Rights

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood 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. Questions may be submitted prior to the webinar to ACA101@hhs.gov

To participate in one of the upcoming webinars, please select your preferred topic from the list below and submit the necessary information. After registering you will receive an e-mail confirmation containing information about joining the webinar.

[Introduction to the HHS Office for Civil Rights \(in English and Spanish\)](#)

December 10th at 3:30 p.m. ET

An introduction to the HHS Office of Civil Rights in English and Spanish. The Office of Civil Rights will share information about what their office does, how they can help faith and community leaders and will answer questions.

[The Health Care Law 101](#)

December 12th 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.

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

December 18th at 2:00 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.

Please contact us at ACA101@hhs.gov if you have registration problems.

All of the webinars are closed to the press.

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Webinar on Multi-Generational Living

This webinar is part of the American Society on Aging Family Caregiver Support Series sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.

The webinar is designed for anyone who is currently, or will be, caring for an older adult in their home. The information presented will introduce you to multigenerational living and outline the advantages and disadvantages.

Participants in this web seminar will:

- Find out how to decide if multi-generational living is right for your family
- Learn about some of the emotional issues to address, and how to enlist support
- Get tips on how to prepare your home for an older adult's arrival

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, December 12, 2012

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

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Webinar on the Ye Olde Breakfast Shoppe – Rochester Council on Aging, Rochester, MA (Rural)

This webinar is the last in a series of webinars sponsored by the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative this fall.

Breakfast Shoppe is a Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Community Breakfast Program at the Rochester Senior Center run jointly by the FRIENDS of the Rochester Senior Center and Rochester Lions Club. In this webinar, you will learn how volunteers can singlehandedly run a Community Breakfast Program that starts seniors' days with a hot meal--without the need for your staff's resources!"

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2012

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

[Register](#)

National WISE Webinar

WISE (Work Incentive Seminar Events) webinars are online events held for Social Security beneficiaries to learn about the [Social Security Administration-supported Ticket to Work Program](#) and other available work incentives through accessible learning opportunities.

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern

[Register](#)

Once you submit the registration form, you will receive a confirmation Email with event details and instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact us by Email at support@chooseworkttw.net or by telephone at 866-968-7842 (TTY/TTD 966-833-2967)

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2013 Workforce Recruitment Program Database

The US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, in collaboration with the US Department of Defense's Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, last week launched the 2013 Workforce Recruitment Program Database (WRP), a recruitment resource for employers seeking a diverse workforce that includes employees with disabilities.

The database contains profiles of postsecondary students and recent graduates with disabilities, including veterans, representing a wide variety of academic backgrounds and degree levels. Candidates who are seeking summer employment as well as recent graduates looking for regular full-time positions have been interviewed and pre-screened by federal recruiters.

More than 20 federal government agencies regularly utilize the WRP as a recruiting source, with more than 6,500 students obtaining federal employment since 1995.

[Federal employers](#) can access the new database online to register and begin their searches. [Private sector employers](#) can also access the WRP through ODEP's national Employer Assistance and Resource Network.

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Update to AGID

AGID (AGing Integrated Database), the on-line query system based on Administration on Aging-related data files and surveys plus includes population characteristics from the Census Bureau for comparison purposes, has been recently updated. State Profiles now displays up to 5 years of data, side-by-side, for both Comparisons and Pre-populated Tables. This contains the most up-to-date information for the data elements.

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AoA's December Statistics Widget and Other Social Media

The U.S. labor force has a larger growing share of older workers and AoA's December widget offers statistics on this trend. You'll also learn about the factors that have contributed to the rise of older workers in the work force. [Click here to view AoA's statistics widget and Healthy Tips widget.](#)

Looking for attractive e-greetings with health tips to send to friends and family? AoA's e-cards showcase attractive images with health tips and links to resources. You'll find e-cards that offer tips on healthy eating, different types of exercise and volunteering. [To view all AoA e-cards and select e-cards for friends and family, click here.](#) E-cards can be a great way to stay in touch with friends and family.

Have you visited AoA's pages on social networking sites yet? If not, please check and follow AoA on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube! You can connect with AoA on [Twitter](#), on [Facebook](#) and on [YouTube](#) Also, recently AoA became a part of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and has launched an [ACL Twitter](#) account. Please click the "Like" button for us on Facebook, check our tweets on the AoA and ACL Twitter pages, and view and share our videos on YouTube.

In addition to widgets, e-cards and pages on the social networking sites, we have also launched the [ACL blog](#). The ACL blog offers different perspectives on health issues related to older adults and people with disabilities, and offers the opportunity to share your viewpoint on these issues. Visit the ACL blog today to learn more.

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

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Evidence-Based Physical Activity Programs

Interested in offering a proven physical activity program within your organization? Watch this webinar to learn about two widely implemented evidence-based physical activity programs, *EnhanceFitness* and *Fit and Strong!*

The speakers are:

- Susan Synder, [EnhanceFitness](#)
- Sue Hughes, [Fit&Strong!](#)

[Access the webinar recording and slides.](#)

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National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP)

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) launched its new initiative, the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP), in September. Directors of adult day services centers (ADSCs) and residential care communities (RCCs) are being asked to provide information about their centers and participants (for ADSCs) and their communities and residents (for RCCs) through a user-friendly questionnaire.

By law, all data collected and released will be kept in strict confidence and used only for statistical purposes and no individual provider, staff or participant/resident can be identified. If you are a long-term care provider or director of an adult day center, we ask for your participation if contacted. Results are expected to be released late 2013.

[Learn more about NSLTCP.](#)

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ONC's Request for Comment

Speak up now to help the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's Health Information Technology Policy Committee (HITPC) develop Stage 3 meaningful use recommendations that will target a collaborative model of care with shared

responsibility and accountability, building upon previous meaningful use objectives through the [Request for Comment](#).

The comment period is now open. Each item that the HITPC is requesting comment on has been given an identification number in order to streamline the accumulation of comments. Please use this ID number when submitting comments. [Submit a comment online](#).

The deadline for comments is 11:59p.m. ET on January 14, 2013.

Following the analysis of the comments received throughout the comment period, HITPC intends to revisit these recommendations in its public meetings in the first quarter of 2013.

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AARP Workforce Profiles

AARP recently launched a new online tool, *AARP Workforce Profiles: Selected Characteristics of U.S. Workers and Non-Workers 40+*, where you can view and search selected data including, but not limited to, age, geography (national, by state, or by AARP region), type of worker, education, and income.

The information is based on population estimates from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey. [This interactive tool](#) will allow users to build custom tables and find up-to-date information.

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