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White House Initiative on Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation

On last Thursday, June 14, in observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the White House Office on Public Engagement in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Community Living, the Department of Justice and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau hosted a day-long symposium to address public and private efforts to prevent and eradicate elder abuse and the financial exploitation of older Americans.

The symposium brought together a range of stakeholders, including administration officials, representatives of the financial community, national advocacy groups, and individuals and organizations committed to addressing elder abuse and financial exploitation in their local communities.

An outcome of the day was the announcement by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius of funding for the new Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program. An entity may apply for funding from one of two options, State Elder Abuse Prevention Grants or Native American Elder Abuse Prevention Grants. To learn more about this funding opportunity, scroll down to this newsletter's Funding Opportunity section and read the article entitled "HHS Grants to Help Protect Seniors, Test Elder Abuse Prevention Strategies" or click on this link <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=75hNPftGrwjRShM451lsJPZhyzTnnWhF7z3xyf0JPG9DLJpWYgxW!1604977300?oppId=176793&mode=VIEW>

To view the symposium presentations and Q&A sessions, click on the You Tube links below. The links are given in the order of the sessions.

#1 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-X0N4rL_tc&feature=context-chv

#2 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49g5h-x1sGg&feature=context-chv>

#3 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29zuVUtrUjI&feature=context-chv>

#4 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6K2zeBkvc74&feature=context-chv>

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HHS Announces 81 Health Care Innovation Awards

Providers, tech companies and local organizations expected to lower costs; improve quality

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius recently announced the recipients of 81 new Health Care Innovation Awards made possible by the health care law, the Affordable Care Act. The awards will support innovative projects nationwide designed to deliver high-quality medical care, enhance the health care workforce and save money. Combined with the awards announced last month, HHS has awarded 107 projects that intend to save the health care system an estimated \$1.9 billion over the next three years.

The awards are notable for their geographic diversity; projects will be located in urban and rural areas, all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

For more information on the awards announced, go to:

innovations.cms.gov/initiatives/innovation-awards/project-profiles.html

To learn more about other innovative models being tested by the Innovation Center, please visit: innovations.cms.gov

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Action Plan to Promote Wellness

Plan for the Nation's first health and wellness road map

Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin announced last week the release of the *National Prevention Council Action Plan*, which aims to increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life.

The Action Plan is the next step in the federal implementation of the National Prevention Strategy, a comprehensive plan to tackle such issues as obesity, tobacco use, health disparities and chronic disease. The Action Plan complements prevention and wellness efforts already underway by the federal government, states, tribal and local governments, health care systems, businesses, communities, nonprofit organizations, and others. Additionally, it highlights more than 200 specific prevention and wellness actions that federal agencies are already taking or plan to take to implement the National Prevention Strategy.

To read more about the Action Plan, visit

www.HealthCare.gov/news/factsheets/prevention06162011a.html

More information on the National Prevention Strategy and the National Prevention Council can be found at

<http://www.healthcare.gov/prevention/nphpphc>

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Funding Opportunity

HHS Grants to Help Protect Seniors, Test Elder Abuse Prevention Strategies

On June 14, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced a \$5.5 million funding opportunity for states and tribes to test ways to prevent elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. This initiative helps to implement the Elder Justice Act, which was enacted as part of the Affordable Care Act.

The applications are available through www.grants.gov (Funding Number HHS-2012-AOA-EA-1214) and will be due July 31, 2012. The final awards will be made no later than Sept. 30, 2012.

Secretary Sebelius made the announcement at a White House World Elder Abuse Awareness Day commemoration. The all-day event brought together the public and private sector to address elder abuse issues.

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Advance Payment ACO Model: New Opportunity to Apply

The [Advance Payment ACO Model](#) is a CMS Innovation Center initiative for participants in the Medicare Shared Savings Program. It is designed for physician-based and rural providers who have come together voluntarily to give coordinated high quality care to the Medicare patients they serve. Through the Advance Payment ACO Model, selected participants will receive upfront and monthly payments, which they can use to make important investments in their care coordination infrastructures.

CMS announced last October that applications would only be accepted for April 1, 2012 and July 1, 2012 start dates. However, the CMS Innovation Center has now announced that beginning August 1, 2012; it will be accepting applications for an additional round of Advance Payment ACOs that would begin on January 1, 2013.

Organizations interested in the Advance Payment ACO Model should start their application process by submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) to [apply for the Medicare Shared Savings Program](#) performance period that begins January 1, 2013. **This Notice of Intent is due June 29, 2012.** Organizations that submit this NOI will then have the opportunity to submit applications to both the Medicare Shared Savings Program and the Advance Payment ACO Model.

The Advance Payment ACO Model is an important part of the CMS Innovation Center's work to help providers at all levels of readiness.

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Increase HIV Testing and HIV Care Utilization Grant Program

[Kaiser Permanente](#) recently announced the Community-Based Interventions to Increase HIV Testing and HIV Care Utilization Grant Program as part of its effort to improve the health and well-being of racial and ethnic minorities and to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare and health outcomes, with a focus on HIV disease.

The grant program is designed to help improve early identification of new HIV cases and to increase HIV care access and maintenance of newly diagnosed individuals in minority communities disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic. The program's three main goals are to prevent new HIV infections; to identify HIV positive patients sooner, get them into high quality HIV care sooner, and ensure they remain in such care; and to reduce disparities among minority populations disproportionately impacted by HIV disease (particularly the gay, African-American, and Latino communities).

Applications will be considered from nonprofit organizations, including but not limited to community health groups; organizations serving targeted minority populations; groups that focus on minority health, education, national, and/or community partnerships; and groups that represent minority-focused health professionals.

For complete program guidelines and application procedures, contact the Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Department.

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Funding Opportunity Reminders

Consumer Assistance Programs

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced last week a new round of funding to support state-based Consumer Assistance Programs (CAP). In October of 2010, CAP grants were awarded to 35 states, the District of Columbia, and four territories.

Consumer Assistance Programs (CAP) grantees, which can be state agencies or local non-profits contracted by a state, provide a wide variety of services for consumers. They can help consumers find health coverage and file appeals

against health plans. For individuals unsure about their rights, Consumer Assistance Programs can educate them to take action.

The application deadline is July 9, 2012.

For the new Funding Opportunity Announcement, visit:
<http://www.grants.gov>, and search for CFDA number 93.519.

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Two ACL Funding Opportunities through ADD

Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with I/DD

Funds will be awarded to build capacity across and within states through State consortia, to create and share policies, practices and systems that support competitive, integrated employment outcomes to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The application due date is July 10, 2012.

To read the full announcement and to download an application, go to
[Download \(pdf - 331 kb\)](#) [View HTML](#)

Data Collection and Information Dissemination on Residential and In Home Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Funds will be awarded to collect, analyze and report on data to describe services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities. The purpose of this project is to conduct a national study that analyzes and describes where people with developmental disabilities receiving, State and non-State, Medicaid-funded and non-Medicaid funded residential services are living in the United States (U.S.).

The application due date is July 20, 2012.

To read the full announcement and to download an application, go to
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Stay Informed

ACL Webinar on *Managed Long-Term Services and Supports: Engaging in the Stakeholder Process*

On Wednesday, June 27, 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 managed long-term services and supports.

Title: Managed Long-Term Services and Supports: Engaging in the Stakeholder Process

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2012

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

Description:

As states move toward developing and implementing managed long-term services and supports systems for older adults and individuals with disabilities, it is critical that stakeholders – consumers and professionals alike – provide input during the proposal and implementation processes. In this webinar, we will offer a framework for analyzing proposals to be sure that they meet consumers’ needs – particularly related to home and community-based services.

To register for the online event

1. Go to <https://aoa-events.webex.com/aoa-events/onstage/g.php?d=660857762&t=a>
2. Click "Register".
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

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

Please note: Space is limited, so please register as early as possible. This webinar will also be recorded and posted on our web site (http://www.aoa.gov/Aging_Statistics/Health_care_reform.aspx#webinar) soon after the webinar.

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Health Care Conference Calls

The HHS Partnership Center continues to host a series of interactive conference calls discussing the benefits and provisions of the health care law, the Affordable Care Act.

All calls are open to the public and include a question and answer session where you can ask HHS staff any questions you may have about the health care reform law.

To participate in one of the conference calls, please select your preferred dates from the list below and submit the necessary information. Call-in information will be made available 24 hours in advance.

[June 19 at 2:00 pm ET](#) - The Health Care Law 101 (in Spanish)

A presentation on the main provisions in the Affordable Care Act and how to access care in Spanish.

[June 21 at 4:00 pm ET](#) - Tour of www.HealthCare.gov

A tour of the www.HealthCare.gov website, including how to access private and public insurance in your community, when parts of the law are going into effect and how to access care if you don't have insurance.

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Webinar on *Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's*

This webinar will offer a how-to look at caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementias. Instead of focusing on the symptoms, diagnosis, treatments and possible cures for Alzheimer's, the emphasis will be on the care and dignity of the individual in order to help them live a more fulfilling life.

Participants will:

Learn to maintain quality of life

Receive tips on keeping a loved one engaged and managing behaviors

Gain insight into taking care of the caregiver

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m. Eastern; 12:00 p.m. Central; 11:00 a.m. Central; 10:00 a.m. Pacific

This webinar is a part of the Family Caregiver Support Series, sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.

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NCOA Webinar on the Five Phases of Benefits Access

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) will host a two-day webinar series on June 26 and June 27 to discuss the five phases of benefits access to help ensure eligible clients receive, use, and maintain benefits. This training is designed for those who are new to benefits counseling, and for those who want to learn more about the range of benefits access.

The series will be divided into five phases:

- Outreach and education
- Screening
- Application assistance
- Understanding how to use the benefit
- Retention/recertification

[Register for June 26](#), 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST

[Register for June 27](#), 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST

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Webinar Reminders

Partnerships: Key to Behavioral Health Service

The purpose of this webinar is to enhance attendees' understanding of substance abuse and mental health issues affecting older adult and strategies for developing programs and policies to help address these issues. Four community organizations, representing a broad spectrum of health and human service organizations, will share their experiences developing and implementing evidence-based, behavioral health programs through partnerships between aging service providers (including Area Agencies on Aging), behavioral health providers, primary health care, hospitals, and/or consumer organizations.

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2012

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

This webinar is supported through a partnership between the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) and the Administration on Aging (AoA) and is available free of charge. To register, please [go here](#). If you experience any difficulties with registration, please contact Alaysia Phillips at aphillips@jbsinternational.com.

A call recording and slides will be available shortly after the webinar. Please visit [AoA's Behavioral Health webpage](#) to access these materials, as well as links to additional webinars, factsheets, and other resources related to older adult behavioral health.

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States Prepare for Medicaid's Growth Spurt

Throughout the year, the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is pleased to present national webinars on health policy issues.

The Affordable Care Act sets a new national floor for Medicaid coverage. By 2019, Medicaid is estimated to cover an additional 16 million of the most vulnerable Americans, significantly increasing the shape and size of the program. Getting ready for this growth spurt is largely in the hands of states.

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2012

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

Topic: States Prepare for Medicaid's Growth Spurt

During this webinar, officials from three states will provide a closer look at what states are doing to prepare.

To register, click on this link

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/showReg?udc=miml8o5de8fp>

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HIV Testing for an AIDS-Free Generation

On Tuesday, June 26, 2012, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern, AIDS.gov will host a webinar highlighting domestic HIV/AIDS programs. The event will provide an update on the state of HIV/AIDS in the U.S with some of the U.S. Government's leading voices on HIV/AIDS. Speakers will discuss the status of global and domestic HIV testing as a tool to move towards an AIDS-free generation.

To participate, register here:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/724950794> by June 22.

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New Data on AGID

State-level and county-level population estimates 2010 and 2011 have been added to the Aging Integrated Database (www.agidnet.org). The state-level estimates are available in Custom Tables and Data at a Glance, the county-level estimates are available in Custom Tables only.

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National Consumer Protection Technical Resource Center (SMP Resource Center)

The Administration on Aging within the Administration for Community Living (ACL) funds a number of resource centers designed to provide information to consumers and technical assistance to professionals on a variety of topics.

Created in September 2003 with funding from the US Administration on Aging (AoA), the National Consumer Protection Technical Resource Center provides key services to AoA's 54 SMP programs located throughout the country including the District of Columbia, Guam, US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. It is more informally known as the SMP Resource Center and is a project of Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging in Waterloo, Iowa.

The SMP Resource Center (The Center) serves as a central source of information, expertise and technical assistance for SMP projects. The Center promotes the sharing of knowledge and best practices for both the novice and experienced SMPs, provides on-going support and information on issues and trends in health care fraud, waste and abuse, and develops new products and tools for the national SMP network. In addition, The Center provides general information for consumers on health care errors, fraud and abuse. The general public can utilize The Center for information about the services of SMPs and how to access their local SMP.

Information about the SMP Resource Center can be found on their website – <http://www.smpresource.org>

If you would like to know more about the Resource Centers that the ACL funds, you can find information at: http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Resource_Centers/Index.aspx

Future newsletters will feature other resource centers.

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CMS Seeks Public Comment on Financial Alignment Models for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is seeking public comment as part of the proposal review process for states pursuing financial alignment models for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. State proposals submitted to CMS are available for review through the [Integrated Care Resource Center](#) website.

During each proposal's 30-day CMS public comment period, interested individuals or groups may submit comments to help inform CMS' review of that proposal. The following states currently have proposals posted as part of the CMS public comment period: *Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Texas.*

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Social Security Statement Now Available Online

The Social Security Statement is now available online. The new online statement provides eligible workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information. It is simple, easy-to-use and provides employees with estimates they can use to plan for retirement as well as estimates for disability and survivors benefits. In addition to helping with financial planning, the online statement also provides employees a convenient way to determine whether their earnings are accurately posted to their Social Security records.

You can access the online statement by creating an account at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement>

Additional financial and retirement planning resources are available at http://intranet.hhs.gov/hr/retirement/financial_retire_planning_education.html

New URL for Go Direct Online Enrollment Website

The *Go Direct* online enrollment system website URL has changed. If you have bookmarked the *Go Direct* online enrollment user profile log in page, you should update the bookmark to the new website URL immediately. The old URL became inactive on June 8. The URL must be updated whether it is bookmarked on an individual computer or on your organization's internal system or intranet.

For Financial Institution Representatives

Old URL: <https://www.eta-find.gov/ficorp/signup/org/loginfi.cfm>

New URL: <https://ficorp.godirect.gov/SignUp/Org/LoginFI.cfm>

For Corporations and Institutional Representatives

Old URL: <https://www.eta-find.gov/ficorp/signup/org/logincorp.cfm>

New URL: <https://ficorp.godirect.gov/SignUp/Org/LoginCorp.cfm>

If you have any questions about the website URL change, please call **Go Direct** Customer Support at (888) 382-3725.

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Recent HHS Reports

ACF Guide to Resources and Funding for Community and Faith-based Organizations

<http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/acfguidecfbosmay2012.pdf>

Source: Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

Guide to Patient and Family Engagement: Enhancing the Quality and Safety of Hospital Care

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/ptfamilyscan/>

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services

Use of Selected Clinical Preventive Services among Adults – United States, 2007-2010

http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2012/p0614_preventive_health.html

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services

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LGBT Pride Month

Sponsor: Equality Forum

<http://www.equalityforum.com/>

To read HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' News Release on LGBT Pride Month, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/06/20120601a.html>

National Home Safety Month

Sponsor: Home Safety Council

www.homesafetycouncil.org/homesafetymonth

June 17-23

Falls Prevention Week

Sponsor: National Safety Council

http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/Week3.aspx

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National HIV Testing Day

Sponsor: National Association of People with AIDS

<http://www.napwa.org/>

Additional Resource: <http://aids.gov/awareness-days/national-hiv-testing-day/>

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