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Commonwealth of Virginia ePayables program

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

The Commonwealth has recently implemented an ePayables program. The program is hosted by Bank of America in connection with the Department of Accounts (DOA). You may be contacted by Bank of America to change from EDI to ePayables. The selling feature is that payments will occur 14 days sooner by accepting payments via credit card. However, there are fees associated the benefit. The DOA does not charge a fee, but the Vendor's merchant fees will apply. AAAs are cautioned to assess the impact of the fee before entering the program.

Virginia Center for Health Innovation

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

The [Virginia Center for Health Innovation](#) (the Center) was created out of a recognized need to foster public and private stakeholder engagement and participation in reshaping how Virginia

Note: The web links in this document may change over time. DARS-VDA does not attempt to refresh the links once the week has passed. However, this document is maintained on the web for a period of time as a reference. Some links may require registration.



moves forward with health reform. In 2010, Governor Bob McDonnell created the Virginia Health Reform Initiative Advisory Council (Council), which served as a vehicle for advancing a comprehensive strategy for implementing health reform in Virginia. Through the initiative, six task forces were charged with bringing recommendations and information to the Council, which in turn provided recommendations to the governor. The Council encouraged the governor to consider establishing a multi-stakeholder, independent entity – now known as the Center – that would undertake and oversee the testing of innovative payment and service delivery models.

The National Governor's Association paper about the Virginia Center for Health Innovation can be viewed at

<http://statepolicyoptions.nga.org/sites/default/files/casestudy/pdf/Virginia%20-%20Center%20for%20Health%20Innovation.pdf>.

To join, register at this link: <http://www.innovatevirginia.org/signup>.

Opportunities for National Day of Service and Remembrance

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner

Following is information on programs and events to recognize the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

You can help fill your local food pantry as part of the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance and the AARP Community Food Drive: Coinciding with the National Day of Service and Remembrance, September 11, 2013, the AARP Community Food Drive program was created four years ago by AARP to provide food for seniors in need. Nearly six percent of Virginia's seniors are at risk of hunger and 16 percent of Virginians report not having enough money for food at some time this year. AARP and its Virginia partners AmeriCorps*State, Federation of Virginia Food Banks, Urban League, and Virginia Triad are addressing this issue by holding a statewide food drive, September 8-14, with a goal of collecting more than 150,000 pounds of food. Donations will be collected at sites throughout the Commonwealth. To register a food collection site, contact Shawna Newcombe at snewcombe@aarp.org or call 804-344-3046.

Virginia State Parks offer volunteer opportunities for National Day of Service and Remembrance



(RICHMOND) - Americans will commemorate the 12th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks as a National Day of Service and Remembrance on and around Sept. 11. All 36 Virginia State Parks will offer volunteer opportunities between Sept. 7 and 11. Virginia State Parks are managed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Service projects provide opportunities for communities to gather and pay tribute to the victims and honor responders in the aftermath of 9-11.

“In the hours, days and weeks after 9-11, Americans came together to serve others,” said DCR State Parks Director Joe Elton. “Each year we gather to remember that dark chapter of our nation’s history, and to shine a new light of volunteerism and community as we build and rebuild in service to others. As Virginians look for ways to help and give back, Virginia State Parks are important parts of their communities. They are the natural venue in which to gather and serve while both helping and enjoying the natural world.”

While volunteer opportunities vary by park, projects include trail and shoreline cleanups, splitting firewood, trail maintenance, beatification projects and more. For a complete list of the opportunities, visit: <http://go.usa.gov/D3aj> or visit the events page and search by date or location: <http://go.usa.gov/jMSW>.

For more information about the National Day of Service and Remembrance, visit <http://go.usa.gov/jeCw> and www.911day.org.

For more information about opportunities to volunteer in a Virginia State Park, visit: <http://go.usa.gov/jeRe>.

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VCU School of Social Work: Webcasts on Aging

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VCU School of Social Work

Virginia Commonwealth University

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Registration Open - September 10 - 11, 2013 -

Sixth Annual Workshops/**Webcasts on Aging**

*A continuing education activity presented by the
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work,
in partnership with the
Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Care
and the VCUHS Department of Care Coordination,
for social workers, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, gerontologists, psychologists, and other
professionals who work with the geriatric population in Virginia.*

This program is made possible in part by Geriatric Training and Education (GTE) funds appropriated by the General Assembly of Virginia and administered by the Virginia Center on Aging at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Earn up to 7 Category I Contact Hours depending on participation and up to .7 CEUs available upon separate registration.

There are more than 7 million people age 65 and above living with cancer in the United States today. This number is expected to double by 2050. Despite the high number of cancer diagnoses in the older population, a *significant knowledge gap* exists amongst those who provide care to them. Join us as four distinguished faculty from social work, medicine, nursing and pharmacy present six continuing professional development workshops/webcasts devoted to



aging and cancer.

Workshops/webcasts include:

· **Workshop/Webcast 6A: Expectations Regarding Aging and Cancer – Part I: The Literature and Research - September 10th, 10-11 a.m.**

Annemarie Conlon, Ph.D., MBA, M.S.W., assistant professor, VCU School of Social Work

· **Workshop/Webcast 6B: Opportunities in Cancer Research: The Intersection between Palliative Care, Aging, and Survivorship - September 10th, 11 a.m. - 12 noon**

Egidio Del Fabbro, M.D., program director of Palliative Care, Massey Cancer Center; associate professor of Internal Medicine, VCU School of Medicine

· **Workshop/Webcast 6C: Preventing and Resolving Medication-Related Problems During Cancer Treatment - September 10th, 1-3 p.m.**

Patricia W. Slattum, Pharm.D., Ph.D., C.G.P., director of the Geriatric Pharmacotherapy Program; associate professor, VCU Department of Pharmacotherapy & Outcomes Science

· **Workshop/Webcast 6D: Pain Management - September 11th, 10 - 11 a.m.**

Patrick J. Coyne, M.S.N., A.P.R.N., F.A.A.N., clinical director, Thomas Palliative Care Program; clinical nurse specialist for Palliative Care/Pain Management MCV Hospitals

· **Workshop/Webcast 6E: Dying in America - September 11th, 11 a.m. - 12 noon**

Patrick J. Coyne, M.S.N., A.P.R.N., F.A.A.N., clinical director, Thomas Palliative Care Program; clinical nurse specialist for Palliative Care/Pain Management MCV Hospitals

· **Workshop/Webcast 6F: Expectations Regarding Aging and Cancer – Part II: The Patient Perspective - September 11th, 1 - 2 p.m.**

Annemarie Conlon, Ph.D., MBA, M.S.W., assistant professor, VCU School of Social Work

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 – 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MCV Campus

MCV Alumni House - Paul A. Gross Conference Center, Rm. 114

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NASUAD Friday Updates

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner

FRIDAY UPDATES

NASUAD

August 23, 2013

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***NASUAD: 2013 National HCBS**

Friday Update takes a break...

There will be no NASUAD Friday Update from August 30 to September 13, due to Labor Day and the HCBS Conference. The Friday Update will



Conference

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***August Observances**

resume on September 20.

From NASUAD

National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference

Join NASUAD September 9-12, 2013 for our Annual National HCBS Conference at the The Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA.

NASUAD announces Senator Bob Dole and Dr. Fernando Torres-Gil will receive awards at the HCBS Conference.

Senator Bob Dole, recipient of the 2013 Katie Beckett Award, currently serves as special counsel in Alston & Bird's Legislative & Public Policy Group. He is a renowned statesman who spent over 35 years in Congress, making him the longest serving Republican leader. Senator Dole is being recognized for his leadership on behalf of disability policy. He is respected on both sides of the aisle for his views on bipartisanship, deficit reduction, and health care and he played a pivotal role in the creation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Dr. Fernando Torres-Gil, recipient of the 2013 Arthur Flemming Lecture Series Award and for Outstanding Work in Disabilities, is Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the UCLA School of Public Affairs and he is the Director of the Center for Policy Research on Aging. He is an expert in the fields of health and long-term care, the politics of aging, social policy, ethnicity and disability. Dr. Torres-Gil is being recognized for his academic accomplishments as well as his government and public policy contributions in aging. He was appointed as the first Assistant Secretary of Aging in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where he played a key role in promoting the importance of aging, disability and long-term care.

[Click here](#) for more information on the five pre-conference intensives offered on September



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- Balancing Incentive Program
- Medicaid Managed Long-Term Care
- Network Basics 101
- Prevention, Protection and Advocacy

[Click here](#) to register for the conference and intensives.
[Click here](#) to view the full conference agenda.

From the Administration

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CMS Releases Fact Sheet on People with Medicare and the Health Insurance Marketplace

CMS released a fact sheet entitled, "People with Medicare and the Health Insurance Marketplace," which includes answers to the following questions regarding Medicare beneficiaries:

- How will Health Insurance Marketplace affect my Medicare Coverage?
- Do I need to do anything with Marketplace plans during the Medicare Open enrollment period (October 15 - December 7, 2013)?
- What should I do if I am contacted about signing up for a health plan?

[Click here](#) to review the full fact sheet.

Health Insurance Marketplace: Certified Application Counselor

The logo for the National Home & Community Based Services Conference (HCBS). It features a stylized white figure resembling a person or a wave, followed by the letters "HCBS" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "NATIONAL HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES CONFERENCE" is written in a smaller font.

NASUAD Meeting:
September 7–8, 2013
Pre-Conference Intensives:
September 9, 2013
HCBS Conference:
September 10–12, 2013
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, VA

The logo for the NASUAD Online Learning Center. It features the word "NASUAD" in a serif font at the top. Below it is a stylized "iQ" where the "i" is a small white dot and the "Q" is a large, blue, stylized letter. At the bottom, the text "Online Learning Center" is written in a sans-serif font.

Check out NASUAD iQ!

Organization

If your organization is a community health center or other health care provider, hospital, a non-federal governmental or non-profit social service agency, and your organization would like to help by training your staff to assist people applying for coverage through the Marketplace, you can [apply to be a Certified application counselor \(CAC\) organization](#).

The responsibilities of CAC organizations include staff and volunteers helping people understand, apply, and enroll for health coverage through the Marketplace. Your organization must agree to make sure that designated individuals complete required training, and that they comply with privacy and security laws, and other program standards. There is no funding awarded as a result of this commitment.

[Click here](#) to learn more about becoming a CAC organization.

CMS has also created several widgets (small applications that can be embedded into your website) that will help your clients find information about their health insurance options.

[Click here](#) to download the new widgets (click "Show Code" and copy/paste into your homepage).

State Health Officials Letter: Eligibility Reviews under Payment Error Rate Measurement and the Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control Program

Last week, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services released a letter to State Health Officials with guidance on eligibility reviews under the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) and the Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) programs. In light of substantial changes to the way states adjudicate eligibility for applicants for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) starting in 2014, CMS will be substituting an annual 50-state strategy with rapid feedback for improvement, in place of the PERM and MEQC eligibility reviews, starting

January 1, 2014, for fiscal years (FY) 2014 - 2016.



[Click here](#) to view the official CMS informational bulletin.

Administration for Community Living

Conference Call on Ethics in Caregiving for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

The Administration for Community Living will hold a conference call on **Thursday, September 12, 2013** from 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. ET entitled, "Ethics in Caregiving for People with Alzheimer's disease and Dementia." The presenter will be Lisa Gwyther, MSW, LCSW, Director, Duke Family Support Program, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Duke University Medical Center. Space is limited, so please register as early as possible. This call will also be recorded and posted on the [AoA website](#).

[Click here](#) to register, or call (888) 869-1189 (Please reference conference ID 29238874 if you register by phone).

Social Security Administration

Social Security Administration Change in Terminology: "Mental Retardation" to "Intellectual Disability"

The Social Security Administration (SSA) issued a [Final Rule](#), effective **September 3, 2013**, to replace the term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability" in its Listings of Impairments. The SSA Listings of Impairments are used to evaluate claims involving mental disorders in adults and children under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act, and in other appropriate sections. The change reflects the widespread adoption of the term "intellectual disability" by Congress, government agencies, and various public and private organizations.



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Webinar: Policy Priority on Housing and Services, Senior Housing Strategies

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan has made the relationship between housing and services a priority, recognizing that housing is a platform for health. Jennifer Ho is his senior advisor in this area, working with the Department of Health and Human Services and across HUD to strengthen partnerships that will improve health and housing stability for residents of HUD-assisted housing. Ms. Ho will be the lead presenter on a webinar that will discuss this emerging area of interest and the importance of bringing together a variety of providers and programs to make this effort a success.

The webinar will be held on **Monday, September 16, 2013**, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

From Other Organizations

Academy Health

Webinar: Data Issues and Health Care Payment Reforms

Academy Health is holding a free webinar on data issues to consider when implementing health care payment reforms. The webinar will be held **Friday, September 13, 2013**, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET. Speakers will include Harold D. Miller: Strategic Initiatives Consultant, Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI), and President/CEO, Center for Healthcare Quality and



Payment Reform and Jay Want, MD: Payment and Delivery System Reform Advisor, Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement, and President, Want Healthcare LLC.

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

Generations United

Grandparents Day, September 8, 2013: Take Action Guide

Grandparents Day is celebrated in the United States annually on the second Sunday in September. In 2013, it will be celebrated on **September 8th**. Generations United has created a "[Take Action Guide: Do Something Grand!](#)" which provides tools for community professionals which can be tailored to best fit individual communities.

Web resources are also available for grandparents and older adults; Children, youth and younger adults; and grandfamilies.

[Click here](#) to learn more about following the call to action for Grandparents Day!

National Council on Independent Living

Rescheduled Webinar: What is Next for ADRC/NWD Networks?

Due to technical difficulties, the NCIL webinar entitled, "What is next for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers/No Wrong Door (ADRC/NWD) Networks?" has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, August 28, 2013; 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET.**

The NWD/ADRC Network serves as the foundation for recent efforts to streamline and enhance access to long-term services and supports for individuals with disabilities and older adults. The webinar will cover how stakeholders



can build partnerships to take advantage of new funding opportunities, expand funding from existing sources, and share resources among aging and disability partners. NCIL members from Vermont and Connecticut will share promising practices in their states.

If you registered for the original presentation, your registration has been transferred.

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

National Research and Training Center for Personal Assistance Services

Webinar: Emergency Preparedness for Personal Assistance Services

The National Research and Training Center for Personal Assistance Services (PAS) will hold a webinar on emergency preparedness on **Wednesday, August 28, 2013** from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET. This webinar will highlight emergency preparedness tips that are specifically relevant to individuals who use personal assistants, attendants or caregivers. The presenter will be June Isaacson Kailes, who operates a Disability Policy Consulting practice and is the Associate Director of the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy at Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, California.

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

National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services

2013 Financial Management Services Conference - Early



Registration Rates Ending Soon

The fifth biennial National Resource Center for Participant- Directed Services (NRCPDS) Financial Management Services Conference will be held **November 4-5, 2013**, in Baltimore, MD. This conference will feature workshops with participant direction tax experts within the IRS as well as other experts and specialists. Early bird registration expires **August 31st**.

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

PBS

PBS NewsHour Segment on Olmstead Delays

PBS aired a segment on NewsHour that highlighted delays in state compliance with the Olmstead decision in which Judy Woodruff reports on the struggle states face to fully transition individuals with disabilities out of institutional living in back into their communities. The segment included interviews with Senator Tom Harkin, Diane Rowland of Kaiser Family Foundation, and Jennifer Mathis of the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, among others.

[Click here](#) to view the PBS segment video and transcript.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Health Insurance Marketplaces: State Approaches to Consumer Assistance Training

Statereforum, an online network for health reform implementation, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, recently compiled a [state chart](#) that highlights the approaches states have taken to develop education and training for the individuals who will provide enrollment assistance through Navigator and In-Person Assister (IPA)



programs. With open enrollment drawing near, Health Insurance Marketplaces in most states are mobilizing their efforts to provide assistance to individuals who will begin enrolling in coverage options in October.

[Click here](#) to view the state chart.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Statereforum.

August Observances

August is [Immunization Awareness Month](#)

August 26: [Women's Equality Day](#)

Funding Opportunities

Rapid Secondary Analysis to Optimize Care for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions

Grant Title: Rapid Secondary Analysis to Optimize Care for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions (MCC)

Agency Issuing Grant: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Eligible Applicants: State governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) and Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Close Date: August 28, 2013

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-HS-14-001

CDDFA Number: 93.226

Grant Amount: \$1,600,000 for 4 grants

Description: This opportunity seeks to fund research studies that can be conducted rapidly and will provide evidence to optimize processes, care, treatments and health of MCC patients. The goal is to provide scientific evidence and information for use by patients and the clinical community to best manage care of MCC patients.

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

Applicants must apply for this grant



through www.grants.gov.

NHTSA Pedestrian Safety Grants Request for Applications

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is making \$2 million in pedestrian safety grants available to cities with the highest rate of pedestrian deaths. The funds can be used for education and enforcement initiatives. NHTSA and the Federal Highway Administration have launched [a website with safety tips and resources](#)

for local leaders, city planners, parents, and others involved in improving pedestrian safety. Applications for grant funding are due by **August 30, 2013**.

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

Network and Infrastructure Support for Development of Interdisciplinary Aging Research

Grant Title: Network and Infrastructure Support for Development of Interdisciplinary Aging Research

Agency Issuing Grant: National Institutes of Health
Eligible Applicants: State governments, Nonprofits, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) and Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Close Date: **September 25, 2013**

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-13-287

CDA Number: 93.866

Grant Amount: Not announced.

Description: This opportunity provides network and infrastructure support to foster development of novel interdisciplinary research approaches on aging research related to multiple chronic conditions (MCCs). It uses the Resource-Related Research Project activity code (R24) to support research networks that will advance interdisciplinary collaboration through activities such as meetings, conferences, data exchange, small scale pilots, short term training opportunities, visiting scholar programs and dissemination activities to encourage growth and development in the science related to older adults with MCCs.

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



Applicants must apply for this grant through
www.grants.gov.

CMS MFP Tribal Initiative Funding

On **July 23, 2013**, CMS announced a Money Follows the Person (MFP) Tribal Initiative (TI) funding opportunity. The MFP-TI offers existing MFP state grantees and tribal partners the resources to build sustainable community-based long term services and supports (CB-LTSS) specifically for Indian country. The TI may be used to advance the development of an infrastructure required to implement CB-LTSS for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) using a single, or a variety of applicable Medicaid authorities. Closing date for applications is **October 17th, 2013**.

Funding is intended to support the planning and development of:

1. An in-state Medicaid program CB-LTSS, as an alternative to institutional care, tailored for AI/AN who are presently receiving services in an institution; and
2. A service delivery structure that includes a set of administrative functions delegated by the state Medicaid agency to Tribes or Tribal organizations, such as enabling tribe(s) to design an effective program or package of Medicaid CB-LTSS, and operating day to day functions pertaining to the LTSS program(s).
3. The TI may be used to cover costs necessary to plan and implement activities consistent with the objectives of this funding and within Federal grant regulations. The funds are subject to all the terms and conditions of the MFP Program.

[Click here](#) for more information on MFP and the funding opportunity.

Applicants must apply for this grant through
www.grants.gov.

Support for Demonstration Ombudsman Programs Serving Beneficiaries of Financial



Alignment Models for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees Modification 1

Grant Title: Support for Demonstration Ombudsman Programs Serving Beneficiaries of Financial Alignment Models for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees Modification 1

Agency Issuing Grant: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Eligible Applicants: State governments

Close Date: 2nd Round: **October 3, 2013**; 3rd Round: **January 14, 2014**

Funding Opportunity Number: CMS-1J1-13-001

C DFA Number: 93.634

Grant Amount: \$3 million for 10 awards

Description: This opportunity provides financial assistance to States to plan, develop and provide Demonstration Ombudsman Program services to individuals who participate in the Financial Alignment model. States will ensure that individual beneficiaries have access to person-centered assistance in resolving problems related to the Demonstration. The program will inform States, Plans, CMS, and other stakeholders regarding beneficiary experience with the Plans and will recommend areas of improvement in States Financial Alignment Initiatives.

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

Applicants must apply for this grant through www.grants.gov.

Building Evidence: Effective Palliative/End of Life Care Interventions

Grant Title: Building Evidence: Effective Palliative/End of Life Care Interventions

Agency Issuing Grant: National Institutes of Health

Eligible Applicants: State governments, Nonprofits, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) and Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Close Date: **June 9, 2016**

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-13-289

C DFA Number: 93.361

Grant Amount: Not announced.

Description: This opportunity announcement seeks to stimulate research that develops and tests optimal palliative and end-of-life care interventions (models of care) based on measurable outcomes. Palliative Care and



End-of-Life (PCEOL) interventions are increasingly needed for all individuals with Life Limiting Illnesses (LLI's) in some form or other, including those who are culturally diverse or aging. Adverse impacts have been shown to extend to the caregivers and families of patients with LLIs. Many individuals with LLI's also may concurrently be suffering from multiple complex comorbidities (MCC's), placing an increasing burden on health, health systems and costs.

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

Applicants must apply for this grant through www.grants.gov.

Job Opportunities

Wider Opportunities for Women seeks Associate Director for Elder Economic Security Initiative

Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) has worked for nearly 50 years to build economic security and equal opportunity for women, girls and families across the lifespan. WOW carries out this mission through innovative research, policy advocacy, technical assistance, job training and career and financial literacy training.

WOW's Elder Economic Security Initiative (Elder Initiative) builds economic security for older workers and retirees. The Associate Director will build relationships with state and community organizations that adopt and implement the Initiative; provide training and technical assistance; manage projects; manage data tracking on outcomes at the national, state and community levels; participate in fundraising activities; and contribute to the development of WOW's inter-generational public policy agenda.

A more detailed job description can be found online at www.wowonline.org. Qualified applicants for this position should submit a résumé, cover letter and writing sample electronically by **August 26, 2013** to Ms. Vivian Staples



(vstaples@wowonline.org).

VNAA Seeks Government Affairs Manager

Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA) seeks a highly motivated person to assist the Vice President of Public Policy with development and implementation of policy initiatives and grassroots activities including: analysis of legislative/regulatory issues, development of advocacy materials, member engagement and planning annual advocacy conference and direct advocacy outreach to key stakeholders and policymakers. VNAA is a member-driven organization representing nonprofit home health and hospice providers.

For more information, please visit www.VNAA.org.

To apply, email a cover letter, writing sample, resume and current salary to rschmitt@vnaa.org with the subject line: Manager, Government Affairs.

NCPSSM Seeks Grassroots Associate

The National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare (NCPSSM) has an immediate opening for a Grassroots Associate to provide operational and administrative support to our Grassroots department. For more information, please visit www.ncpssm.org. For full consideration, please send a cover letter with your salary requirements and resume as a Word document to hr@ncpssm.org.

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The United States of Aging Resource Kit

Ellen M. Nau, MA, Program Coordinator

Is your community ready to age well? Do you need to encourage seniors and their loved ones to discuss the aging process? The United States of Aging Resource Kit is designed to serve as a catalyst for ongoing discussions about aging preparedness within local communities. This virtual resource was created by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A), NCOA, and UnitedHealthcare. Go to [The United States of Aging Resource Kit](#) to learn about the various resources in the kit.

Protecting Seniors from Medicaid Fraud

Review what the Virginia Office of the Attorney General is doing to protect seniors and your tax dollars from being abused by unscrupulous individuals. Randy Davis, Community Outreach Coordinator of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has published the September Newsletter for his office. Please see the attachment to learn how the Attorney General's Office has broken its on record for prosecuting Medicaid Fraud.

Identifying Dementia in the Mentally Disabled

Are you acquainted with a person caring for a mentally disabled person? Do you suspect the disabled person may be suffering from dementia? Download a complimentary copy of *The National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices Consensus Recommendations for the Evaluation and Management of Dementia in Adults With Intellectual Disabilities* at

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/upload/2013/8/20/PIIS0025619613003716.pdf>

The National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices(NTG) was formed as a response to the National Alzheimer's Project Act.

Lack of Future Family Caregivers

The AARP Public Policy Institute has released a new report, [The Aging of the Baby Boom and the Growing Care Gap: A Look at Future Declines in the Availability of Family Caregivers](#).

The paper highlights demographic trends that may influence the future supply of family support for the frail older population.

Virginia Attorney General's Office Medicaid Fraud Control Unit



VIRGINIA BREAKS ITS OWN NATIONAL RECORD FOR MEDICAID FRAUD RECOVERY

Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli announced on August 7, 2013 that his office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) obtained convictions of 37 health care providers in state and federal courts, with a record \$1.01 billion in court-ordered restitution, fines and penalties during the 2012-13 fiscal year. This recovery breaks a single-state record of more than \$600 million, also set by the Virginia MFCU in 2007, when the Unit was named the best MFCU in the country by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Office of Inspector General.

"In response to the continued increase in referrals of suspected fraud, this year I authorized the MFCU to request additional funding for an additional ten investigators, attorneys and support staff. We anticipate that, as a result of this staffing increase, the Unit will recover millions of additional dollars in fraudulently obtained Medicaid funds," said Cuccinelli.

As a result of the Virginia MFCU's investigation and conviction of Abbott Laboratories, the MFCU holds the record of the largest asset forfeiture recovery in U.S. history, with nearly \$200 million in forfeiture recoveries. The Attorney General's Office was granted more than \$115 million of those funds.

If you suspect that Medicaid fraud or elder abuse and neglect has occurred in a Medicaid facility or has been committed by someone working for a Medicaid provider, immediately contact Adult Protective Services and your local police department. Then, report the incident to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) of the Office of the Virginia Attorney General at
1-800-371-0824 or
1-804-371-0779

How is Asset Forfeiture Recovery Being Used?

Attorney General Cuccinelli is gifting those funds to law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth to help fund much-needed equipment and training. The total Abbott settlement of \$1.5 billion remains the largest Medicaid fraud recovery resulting from a state-led investigation.

The Virginia MFCU is 75% federal funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and 25% funded by the Commonwealth. As a result of their aggressive investigations, the Virginia MFCU is the only MFCU in the country which has been able to negotiate penalty funds from healthcare fraud investigations to fund the State share of their budget, therefore not requiring state taxpayer dollars to fund their operations. "Having criminals pay for our investigations is a better option than the citizens of Virginia pay for them." said Cuccinelli.

During this reporting period, the MFCU celebrated its 30th anniversary. Beginning in 1982 with six employees in the Richmond office, the MFCU recovered \$5,600 during its first year. Thirty years later, the MFCU has almost 100 employees located in Richmond, Abingdon, Roanoke and Fairfax offices. In addition to Medicaid Fraud, the MFCU now includes a Civil Unit, an Elder Abuse and Neglect Squad and an Outreach component. Details may be found in the MFCU's 2012-13 Annual Report, now available online at <http://tinyurl.com/VAMFCU> under "Publications."

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The Commonwealth — From Corner to Corner



Outreach Coordinator Mickey Mixon presents the MFCU mission to attendees of the 2013 Virginia State S.A.L.T. meeting

The Virginia MFCU's Community Outreach Coordinators will soon be coming to a church, club or civic group near you! Here's a partial schedule of the upcoming presentations on Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse & Neglect:



**Virginia Attorney General
Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, II**

The men and women of the Unit risk their lives to protect the Virginia Medicaid Program by convicting criminals who commit fraud against the program. They have also found a way to make criminals pay for the state share of their budget. I think the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is one of the great success stories of the Commonwealth.

September 17 Christiansburg TRIAD Meeting

1:30 p.m., Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA

September 19 Chesterfield County TRIAD Meeting

9:00 a.m., Police Support Services, 2730 Hicks Road, Chesterfield, VA

October 28 Prince George County TRIAD Meeting

1:00 p.m., Prince George Library, 6402 Courthouse Road, Prince George, VA

November 14 Ashland/Hanover County TRIAD Meeting

1:30 p.m., Hanover County Sheriff's Department, 7522 County Complex Road, Hanover, VA

November 20 Roanoke Valley TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Council Meeting, 11:00 a.m., 4428 Pheasant Ridge Road, Roanoke, VA



Thinking Out Loud

Eastern Virginia Community Outreach Coordinator Randy Davis (l) was interviewed recently by host Mark Cox on "Thinking Out Loud," a news and talk program on WCTV-TV, owned and operated by the City of Chesapeake. During the seven-minute interview, Davis outlined the growing problem of Medicaid Fraud and how the Attorney General is fighting it through his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). The interview is available for viewing on the MFCU website under "Videos" at <http://tinyurl.com/VAMFCU>.

RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM

Fraudulent Practices
Although the vast majority of health care providers are honest and dedicated to providing high quality health care to their patients, Medicaid provider fraud costs American taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually and threatens the integrity of the Medicaid program. The Virginia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit protects the Commonwealth by investigating and prosecuting Medicaid fraud from providers seeking payment from the Commonwealth Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid). The Unit also investigates allegations of abuse or neglect of elderly and incapacitated adults receiving benefits through the Medicaid program.

**SAVE YOUR MEDICAID FUNDS
REPORT MEDICAID FRAUD**

You can help by recognizing provider fraud, such as:

- Phantom Billing: Billing for services not rendered.
- Fraudulent Billing: Billing for unnecessary services or tests.
- Employment: Paying money entrusted to the providers by patients, such as their nursing home resident accounts.
- Upcoding: Billing for more expensive services than what was provided.
- Kickbacks: One provider pays another in exchange for referrals or other business.
- Duplicate Billing: Billing for the same services more than once, or billing more than one payment source (i.e., Medicaid and private insurance).

Abuse or Neglect of Elderly or Incapacitated Patients by Health Care Workers
The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit also investigates and prosecutes cases of patient abuse and neglect in nursing homes.

You can help by recognizing signs of patient abuse or neglect, such as:

- Unexplained bruising
- Bedsores
- Pressure ulcers
- Malnutrition
- Dehydration

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Virginia Office of the Attorney General

Senior Virginians Deserve Quality Care!

Elder Abuse and Neglect Squad

800-371-0824

Office of the Attorney General
Attention: Elder Abuse & Neglect Squad
9001 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219

MFCU: mfcu@oag.state.va.us
ng.virginia.gov
Facebook.com/VAMFCU

Created in 2008 as part of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's Elder Abuse & Neglect Squad investigates and prosecutes cases of patient abuse and neglect whenever Medicaid dollars are being spent.

The Squad's goal is to make sure Virginia's Medicaid patients get the highest quality of care possible in their own homes, in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Signs of Elder Abuse and Neglect

- Bruises, welts, scratches, bites, cuts
- Fractures, dislocations, sprains
- Restraints: tied to bed or chair
- Malnutrition
- Dehydration or unsafe housing
- Inappropriate or inadequate clothing
- Malmedication
- Lack of needed supervision
- Unsanitary medical equipment
- Lack of needed services, supplies, hearing aids or medication

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Order Materials for Your Community

Contact us at: MFCU_mail@oag.state.va.us or by telephone, 1-800-371-0824, to order brochures, tip cards for first responders, and elder abuse and neglect flyers.

What if you suspect fraud by a Medicaid Recipient?

What can you do if you suspect fraud by a Medicaid recipient?

Please contact the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

Recipient fraud may include:

- the deliberate failure to report income or to disclose resources
- unreported change in household member composition
- uncompensated asset transfer
- Medicaid card sharing, prescription fraud and drug diversion

Non-fraud examples are:

- eligibility errors due to recipient misunderstanding
- agency errors
- when Medicaid-covered services continue during the appeal process and the agency's cancellation action is upheld

When the investigation confirms that an individual received Medicaid services fraudulently, the claims paid on the recipient's behalf are determined and the overpayment amount is identified. Recipient fraud cases may be prosecuted by the local Commonwealth's Attorney's Office or in Federal court when joint investigations are involved.

The MFCU is statutorily prohibited from investigating Medicaid recipient fraud.

To report recipient fraud, contact DMAS:

By telephone:
1-866-486-1971 or
804-786-1066

By mail:
Department of Medical Assistance Services
Recipient Audit Unit
600 East Broad Street
Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia 23219



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Request a presentation on Medicaid Fraud for your church, club or civic group: Contact Randy Davis (Eastern Virginia) at 804-786-7750 or Mickey Mixon (Western Virginia) at 540-562-3571 today.



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