



VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

June 30, 2015

Table of Contents

[ACL News & Information](#)

[NASUAD Weekly Update](#)

[State VICAP Director](#)

[Updated Manuals: Board & Advisory Council Handbook and Grants Management Manual](#)

[White House Conference on Aging News](#)

[e-Update from the Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral Center](#)

[NASUAD Friday Update](#)

[Information on Services for Domestic Partners \(includes guidance from ACL\)](#)

[Webinar: An Introduction to Habilitation Therapy for Alzheimer's and Dementia](#)

[FREE Foundation](#)

ACL News & Information

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/NewsInfo/Index.aspx>

NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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.

1610 Forest Avenue • Suite 100 • Henrico, VA 23229

Office 804.662.9333 • Toll free 800.552.3402 • TTY users dial 711 • Fax 804.662.9354



State VICAP Director

Kathy Miller, Director of Programs, Division for the Aging

I am very pleased to announce that Pamela Smith has accepted the position as the State VICAP Director at DARS-VDA, filling the position left vacant when Liz Havenner transferred to the Human Service Coordinator Position. In this capacity, Pam will be providing overall coordination and technical assistance related to the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP), including the leadership of the VICAP Advisory Council. She will be responsible for training and technical support to AAA staff, serving as the state liaison with the Administration for Community Living and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), participating in community education and referral activities targeted to older citizens, and supervising the State MIPPA Lead and Coordinated Care Educator.

Pam is very well known to the local VICAP Coordinators. She began at VDA six years ago as the part-time VICAP Customer Service Specialist. In January, 2011, she assumed the full-time position as the VICAP Program Specialist and State MIPPA Lead. She also currently oversees the certification of approximately 200 volunteer counselors. Pam comes to the position with a wealth of knowledge about Medicare. She has a degree in Business Administration and Management. Pam is the proud mother of a son who is a third-year law student and a daughter who is a marketing specialist and is busy planning her wedding. Pam is excited and looking forward to working closely with the local VICAP programs.

Updated Manuals: Board & Advisory Council Handbook and Grants Management Manual

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

Two manuals have recently been updated. The [Board & Advisory Council Handbook for Virginia's Area Agencies on Aging](#) and the [AAA Grants Management Manual](#). The [Board & Advisory Council Handbook for Virginia's Area Agencies on Aging](#) can be accessed through the link www.vda.virginia.gov/aaaleaderguidance.asp. The [AAA Grants Management Manual](#) can be accessed www.vda.virginia.gov/financial.asp. Both are located on the Information for Service Providers page located at www.vda.virginia.gov/service_menu.asp.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Tim

White House Conference on Aging News

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations



White House Conference on Aging

How to Host a Watch Party

The 2015 White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) will be held **Monday, July 13, 2015**. As the conference will be live streamed online, the WHCOA encourages individuals and organizations to watch together. A conference [discussion guide](#) is available, and participants can engage in the Q&A in Washington DC via Twitter or Facebook.

[Click here](#) for more ways to get involved with the WHCOA.

e-Update from the Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral Center
Charlotte Arbogast, Dementia Services Coordinator

e-Update

from the ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE EDUCATION & REFERRAL CENTER
a service of the NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING at NIH



Safety is a big concern for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease. Whether it's dealing with wandering, dangers in the home, or difficulties with driving, the National Institute on Aging's ADEAR Center has information to help you reduce the risk of injury and keep the person safe.

Check out the following publications for helpful safety tips:

- [Wandering](#) – learn how to make changes at home to prevent wandering.
- [Home Safety](#) – get information on how to change a person's surroundings to prevent injury, basic safety room-by-room, and strategies to prevent falls in the home.
- [Driving Safety](#) – find out the danger signs for when a person should stop driving and learn ways to discuss the topic



sensitively.

Read more in our [Alzheimer's Caregiving Tips series](#).

Please share!

Share these online resources with others on social media using the following message:

Prevent injury in ppl w #Alz! Check out @Alzheimers_NIH's online #Caregiving Tips series for helpful #safety info:
<http://1.usa.gov/1LdZ5nY>



SUBSCRIBER SERVICES

[Manage Subscriptions](#) | [Unsubscribe All](#) | [Subscription Help](#) | [Contact Us](#)

NASUAD Friday Update

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant

June 26, 2015	
In This Issue	From NASUAD
<u>*NASUAD: Webinar on Medicare Educational Resources</u>	Webinar: Medicare Educational Resources The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on educational resources on the Medicare program. This webinar is
<u>*NASUAD: Registration Open for HCBS Conference</u>	



***HCBS Clearinghouse: DOL
Report on Services for Youth with
Disabilities in the Workforce**

***UnitedHealth Group: Medicaid
Enrollment Strategies Brief
Released**

***CMS: Medicaid and CHIP: April
2015 Report**

***CMS: Medicare and Medicaid
Twitter Campaign**

***DHS: GIS Based Tool for Health
Disaster Readiness**

**DOL: Disability Employment
Data**

***DOL: Disability Historical
Timeline**

***IRS: Regulations Published for
Implementation of ABLA Act**

***ODEP: Advisory Committee
Meeting**

***House: Energy & Commerce
Hearing on Medicaid
Demonstration Projects**

***Senate: Subcommittee Approves
Labor, HHS, Education
Appropriations Bill**

***AARP: Webinar: Care
Coordination in MLTSS**

scheduled for **Wednesday, July 8 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

As more Americans attain Medicare eligibility, aging and disability I&R/A agencies are called upon to be a resource on the Medicare program. Join this webinar to learn about the Medicare Made Clear™ campaign and Medicare educational resources that can assist I&R/A agencies and the consumers they serve. Information will be presented by Alyssa Malinski Erickson, Associate Director of Marketing, UnitedHealthcare, Medicare & Retirement.

No pre-registration is required to participate in the webinar. To join the meeting, follow this link: <https://join.me/nasuadwebinar>. On a computer, use any browser with Flash. There is nothing to download. On a phone or tablet, launch the join.me app and enter meeting code: nasuadwebinar.

To join the audio conference:
Dial 888-346-3659
Access Code 33688#

[Click here](#) to learn more about the webinar.
[Click here](#) to join the I&R Center's distribution list.

The HCBS Conference Starts with Pre-Conference Intensives--Register Today!

Join us for the [National Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\)](#)



***Alliance for Aging Research:
22nd Annual Bipartisan
Congressional Awards Dinner**

***AAN: 2015 Policy Conference:
Abstracts Due**

***Consumer Voice: Webinar:
Delivering Your Message**

***Disability & Aging
Collaborative: Webinar: Changing
Nature of Family Caregiving**

***Mathematica: Disability
Research Consortium Annual
Meeting**

**NASI: Demystifying Social
Security Summer Academy**

***NCOA: Free Journal Volume on
Evidence Based Programs**

***NRCNA: Funding Opportunity:
Building Business Capacity of
Senior Nutrition Programs**

***Events**

***Job & Internship Postings**

***Friday Updates Archive**

[Conference](#) held in Washington, DC, August 31-September 3. The Conference begins on August 31st with a full day of intensives, included in the cost of the conference.

The day includes:

- A Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Intensive, focused on the ins and outs and innovations in MLTSS.
- Medicaid 101 Intensive, which will include talks from former state Medicaid Directors to help introduce the details of Medicaid.
- An Intensive on Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, which will focus on the needs of the victim.
- Intensives for MFP and TEFT grantees, stakeholders and partners to discuss current progress in these programs.
- An Information and Referral Intensive for State and Local I&R/ A professionals.

To learn more about the pre-conference intensives, view the tentative [agenda here](#).

The National HCBS Conference will include federal, state, and local policymakers and those who administer, manage, and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. The Conference always sees a strong presence from U.S. Health and Human Services ranging from the Administration for Community Living including AoA, Office of Disability, and IADD to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the conference



[Check out NASUAD iQ!](#)



[Like NASUAD on Facebook](#)



[Follow NASUAD on LinkedIn](#)



[Follow NASUAD on Twitter](#)

and register.

HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasud.org/hcbs for more information.

DOL Report on Services for Youth with Disabilities in the Workforce

This report for the Department of Labor examines the workforce system's current efforts to provide assistance to youth with disabilities. The focus of the research is mainly at the local level, coming from practitioners to gain insight on what factors are in need of improvement. Data was obtained through surveys completed by representatives of Local Workforce Investment Boards with specific attention to the practices and policies currently in place. [Click here](#) to access the report and findings.

Medicaid Enrollment Strategies Brief Released

The UnitedHealth Center for Health Reform and Modernization released a new brief titled "Successful Medicaid Enrollment Strategies to Cover the Uninsured." Many Americans do not have health insurance coverage, and Medicaid enrollment can cover the gap of the uninsured, if successful practices are used. This brief highlights four approaches used in Kentucky and Arkansas to increase enrollment for low-income residents to cut



their uninsured populations in half. The solutions in this brief can inform other states on efforts to decrease the number of uninsured people.

[Click here](#) to access the brief.

From the Administration

[Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)

Medicaid & CHIP: April 2015 Monthly Report

On June 23, 2015, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) published preliminary data on enrollments and eligibility determinations for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for April 2015. The total number of enrollees receiving comprehensive benefits in the two programs currently stands at over 71 million. This includes an additional 12.3 million new beneficiaries since October 2013, which marks the start of open enrollment in the Marketplace. Thirteen of the twenty-eight states that have expanded Medicaid reported data both for April 2015 and for the July-September 2013 period. Those same 13 states witnessed enrollment growth rates of 30 percent or more.

[Click here](#) to view the report.

Medicare and Medicaid Twitter Campaign

In July of 1965, President Johnson enacted legislation that created the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Both programs have been crucial to the health and overall well-



being of millions of American families. The CMS Office of Communications is currently doing a 50-day countdown to the 50th Anniversary. To celebrate, they are tweeting facts each day about the programs. Please visit their Twitter feed and retweet these important facts or write some of your own!

[Click here](#) to view the Twitter feed.

Department of Health & Human Services

GIS-Based Tool for Health Disaster Readiness Launched

This week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) launched the [HHS emPOWER Map](#), an interactive online tool designed to assist community health agencies and emergency management officials with disaster preparedness. The tool can be used to plan for the emergency needs of the more than 1.6 million Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries nationwide who rely on electrically-powered medical and assistive equipment, including oxygen concentrators, ventilators, and wheelchairs. The HHS emPOWER Map can show the monthly total of Medicare beneficiaries with electricity-dependent equipment claims down to the zip code level alongside real-time severe weather tracking services.

[Click here](#) to view the HHS emPOWER Map.
[Click here](#) to read the full press release.

Department of Labor

Disability Employment Data



The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics published a news release of updated data concerning persons with disabilities. This data comes from the monthly Current Population survey (CPS). The highlights from 2014 indicate statistics such as "persons with a disability were about three times as likely as those with no disability to be age 65 or over."

[Click here](#) to view the full article.

Disability Historical Timeline

The U.S. Department of Labor created a disability historical timeline to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The timeline titled, "Advancing Equal Access to Opportunity," features an engaging presentation of moments related to disability employment from 1920 until the present day.

[Click here](#) to view the timeline.

Internal Revenue Service

Regulations Published for Implementation of ABLÉ Act

The Internal Revenue Service published proposed regulations concerning the implementation of the Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE Act) of 2014. The proposed regulations are titled Guidance Under Section 529A: Qualified ABLE Programs and were published on June 22, 2015. The regulations address an explanation of provisions, the qualifications of an ABLE program, the



standard for disability determination, limits on contributions to the account, and various other issues. Public comments are due by **September 21, 2015**. A public hearing to address these regulations is scheduled for **October 14, 2015**.

[Click here](#) for the full version of the regulations.

[Office of Disability Employment Policy](#)

ODEP Advisory Committee Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities is holding its fourth meeting on **July 13-14, 2015** in Washington, DC from **8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET** and **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**, respectively. The four subcommittees of the Committee will report on their work thus far on the draft chapter for the interim report. There will also be expert panels that will address issues with provider transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment and a panel of providers. Acknowledgement will be given to the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. On **July 13 from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. ET**, there will be a public comment period.

[Click here](#) for more information.

From Congress

[House of Representatives](#)



Energy & Commerce Committee Holds Hearing on Medicaid Demonstration Projects

On Wednesday, June 24, the House Energy and Commerce Committee held a hearing regarding Section 1115 Demonstration Waivers. These waivers allow states to receive federal matching funds from the Department of Health and Human Services for experimental, pilot, or demonstration programs whose costs would not otherwise be covered. The hearing discussed the criteria for receiving a waiver, the programs that waivers fund, the effects on net expenditures, the effects on outcomes, and how the process can be improved. Testimonies were heard from Katherine M. Iritani, Director of Health Care at the Government Accountability Office, Haley Barbour, former Governor of Mississippi, Matt Salo, Executive Director of the National Association of Medicaid Directors, and Joan Alker, Executive Director of Georgetown University Center for Children and Families. These witnesses discussed the history of waivers, provided information on current challenges, and offered suggestions for improvements

[Click here](#) to watch the hearing and/or read the accompanying materials.

[Senate](#)

Subcommittee Approves FY2016 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Bill



On Tuesday, a Senate appropriations subcommittee approved the FY2016 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The bill funds a number of health, education, and workforce training and development priorities at a cost of over \$153 billion. The bill supports additional funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant program and for Title I. In addition, the measure increases funding for the National Institutes of Health, Community Health Centers, and Head Start. The bill falls \$14.5 billion short of the President's budget request and \$3.6 billion below the FY2015 level. The bill will now go before the full committee for approval.

[Click here](#) for additional details on the appropriations bill.

From Other Organizations

[AARP](#)

Webinar: Care Coordination in Managed Long Term Services and Supports

The field faces rapid changes as many states move to expand Medicaid managed care and managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS), including work in care coordination. This webinar on **Wednesday, July 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**, will provide detailed information on the who, what, and why of care coordinators. In the webinar, the AARP Public Policy Institute



(PPI) will release a major study by Truven Health Analytics and discuss its findings.

[Click here](#) to access registration and details on the webinar.

[Alliance for Aging Research](#)

22nd Annual Bipartisan Congressional Awards Dinner

The Alliance for Aging Research is holding its 22nd Annual Bipartisan Congressional Awards Dinner in Washington, DC, at the Willard InterContinental Hotel. The dinner will take place on **Tuesday, September 29, 2015**, with the reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner and awards at 7:00 p.m. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-New Hampshire) will be awarded the 2015 Distinguished Public Service Award, and Dr. Rudolph E. Tanzi, PhD, will receive the 2015 Silver Innovator Award.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets for the Awards Dinner.

[American Academy of Nursing](#)

2015 Policy Conference: Abstracts Due

The American Academy of Nursing has extended the deadline for abstract submissions to the 2015 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference until today, **Friday, June 26**. Abstracts should be specific to the advancement of health policy. Quality improvement projects, evidence based practice projects, and abstracts that demonstrate nursing contributions to health



policy are all encouraged to submit. The Conference will be held October 14-17, 2015, in Washington, DC.

[Click here](#) to view details and submit an abstract.

Consumer Voice

Webinar: Delivering Your Message: Utilizing Both Traditional Approaches & Social Media

As part of the Consumers for Quality Care, No Matter Where initiative, the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care is conducting a series of free advocacy skills training webinars throughout the year. This webinar on **Tuesday, June 30 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET** will be the third webinar in the four-part series. During this webinar participants will learn how to communicate a message effectively using traditional methods, such as phone, email, and letters to the editor, as well as social media approaches, including Facebook and Twitter. [Click here](#) to view details and register.

Disability and Aging Collaborative

Webinar: Changing Nature of Family Caregiving

The Disability and Aging Collaborative is hosting a webinar on the findings from three recent studies on family caregiving. The webinar will be hosted on **Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET**. A



recent study done by the National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP shows an update on the profile of family caregivers in the U.S. A study by the Community Living Policy Center provides the patterns of family caregiving over the past ten years and a study by the Easter Seals, with support from MassMutual Financial Group highlights Millennial and Generation X caregivers and individuals who have not had to assume this position.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

[Mathematica Policy Research](#)

Disability Research Consortium Annual Meeting

The Disability Research Consortium's (DRC) Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, DC, **August 5-6, 2015**.

Registration is now open, and will close on **July 23** or when space is filled. The 2015 Conference will include access to the latest research findings, speakers from state and federal programs, and general information to improve the national disability support system. Additionally, there is a webcast registration option to virtually attend the meeting.

[Click here](#) to view conference details.

[Click here](#) to view registration details.

[National Academy of Social Insurance](#)



Demystifying Social Security Summer Academy

The National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI) is hosting its popular Summer Academy series, consisting of two free, day-long sessions on Social Security and Medicare. The sessions feature leading speakers in the field as well as interactive exercises. *Demystifying Social Security* is the first of the Summer Academy sessions and will be held on **Wednesday, July 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET** at the Kaiser Family Foundation's Barbara Jordan Conference Center. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The second session, *Demystifying Medicare*, will take place on **Friday, July 24**, also at the Barbara Jordan Conference Center.

[Click here](#) to view event details and access registration.

National Council on Aging

Free Journal Volume on Evidence Based Programs

The National Council on Aging, in collaboration with researchers at Texas A&M and the University of Georgia, developed a journal volume specific to evidence based programs for aging populations at the state and national level. The journal includes 25 commentaries and 25 full-length articles. The authors aim to inform policymakers and improve efficacy of current policies.

[Click here](#) to view the full volume and eBook



free of charge.

National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging

Funding Opportunity: Building Business Capacity of Senior Nutrition Programs

Eight competitive mini-grants of \$10,000 each are being offered to Senior Nutrition Programs to better prepare them for entering into healthcare contracts. The funding and technical assistance opportunity is designed to strengthen the business acumen and align service capabilities for programs to negotiate, either directly or as a part of a bundle of community-based services, healthcare contracts. Eligible applicants are Senior Nutrition Programs that currently receive funding from the Older Americans Act for Title III Part C - Nutrition Services or Title VI Grants for Native Americans to provide meals and other nutrition services to older adults in the community. Applications are due by **Tuesday, June 30** and can be submitted through the Meals on Wheels America online grant system.

[Click here](#) for more details on eligibility and the funding.

Events

2015 Annual Conference on Independent Living

The National Council on Independent Living's Annual conference will be held in



Washington, DC **July 27-30, 2015**. This year will specifically focus on the ADA Generation, or the generation of youth advocates with disabilities and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ADA. There will be several different workshop tracks with focuses like Statewide Independent Living Councils, youth, Independent Living Administration, and orientation for new attendees.

[Click here](#) to view conference details.

[Click here](#) to register.

Healthy Aging Summit

The American College of Preventative Medicine will be holding a Healthy Aging Summit in Washington, DC, from **July 27-28**. Registration is now open until **Monday, July 13**. The Social and Community Context track focuses on how social support and engagement affect quality of life and healthy aging. It will include speakers from the federal government, academics, researchers, non-profit workers and individuals from the health care field.

[Click here](#) to view registration and event details.

2015 Consumer Voice Annual Conference-Proposals Due

The Consumer Voice Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC, **November 4-7, 2015**. Session proposals for the conference are due today, **Friday, June 26**. Registration is



now open, and those who register before July 10 will receive a discount. The 2015 Conference offers attendees policy updates from key experts, information on best practices nationwide, and takeaways to help put systems or individual advocacy into effective action.

[Click here](#) to access the proposal form.

[Click here](#) to view registration and conference details.

Job & Internship Postings

Disability Policy Engagement Directors

Anthem, Inc. is seeking applicants for two positions of Disability Policy Engagement Director. One [director](#) is responsible for supporting the execution of an advocacy strategy for people with disabilities with a specific focus on individuals with mental health and substance use conditions and individuals in foster care. The second [director](#) position is focused on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including those in foster care. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in any related field and 8 years of advocacy, community based, legislative, regulatory, political, public affairs, or industry experience. Candidates must be willing to travel 50% of the time. The application period will close on **July 14, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to access the job postings.

Health Policy Analyst, Manager, or Health



Policy Director

Anthem, Inc. is seeking applicants for the position of Health Policy Analyst, Manager or Director. The position responsibilities concern monitoring activities in the health policy field and vary according to the level of position. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in any related field and varying levels of experience depending on the position. The application period will close on **July 14, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

Staff VP Product Management, LTSS

The Medicaid Business Unit of Anthem's Government Business Division is seeking applicants for the position of Staff VP Product Management. The Staff VP Product Management will be responsible for building a product specific team from scratch, improving and assessing product business strategy and program development, and other duties. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in any field and at least 10 years of experience in the healthcare sector. The application period will close on **July 14, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

Center for Healthy Aging at NCOA Seeks Senior Program Manager

The NCOA Center for Healthy Aging is seeking applicants for the position of Senior Program Manager. The Senior Program Manager, in collaboration with ACL/AoA



and the Center Team, will be responsible for providing technical assistance, support, and nurturance to state leads and community partners. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a Master's degree in any related field and three to five years of experience with evidence-based program implementation and partnership building. The application period will close on **July 8, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

New Mexico APS Director

The New Mexico State Personnel Office is seeking applicants for the position of Adult Protective Services Director. The APS director is responsible for the direction and administration of statewide, day to day APS operations in 21 field offices. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a Master's degree in any field and eight years of professional level experience. The application period will close on **June 29, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

AAPD Seeks President & CEO

AAPD is seeking applicants for the position of President and CEO of the non-profit organization. The AAPD CEO, with direction from the board of directors, is responsible for advancing the AAPD mission of promoting equal opportunity, economic power, independent living, and political participation for people with disabilities. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of



five years experience in management, fundraising, and fiscal oversight.
[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

Friday Update Archive

Did you miss a previous issue?
Check out [past Friday Updates](#).

Subscribe

[Click here](#) to subscribe to Friday Update or other NASUAD news updates.

Information on Services for Domestic Partners (includes guidance from ACL/Attachment)

Nicole Keeney, Nutrition Program Coordinator

Guidance for ACL grantees regarding the Supreme Court Decision on United States v. Windsor

The purpose of this guidance is to advise ACL grantees of the Federal government's policy regarding same-sex marriages, in light of the Supreme Court's ruling in *United States v. Windsor*, 133 S. Ct. 2675 (2013). In *Windsor*, the Court struck down as unconstitutional section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibited federal recognition of same-sex marriages and spouses. In keeping with the Supreme Court's analysis and reasoning in that decision, ACL's post-*Windsor* policy calls for treating same-sex marriages on the same terms as opposite-sex marriages to the greatest extent reasonably possible. Thus, ACL programs should recognize as family members individuals of the same sex who are lawfully married under the law of a state, territory, or foreign jurisdiction. This policy applies based on the jurisdiction of celebration. In other words, if individuals of the same sex are legally married in any jurisdiction, ACL will recognize the marriage, regardless of whether the individuals are domiciled or reside in a state or territory that does not recognize the marriage. Thus, when this guidance discusses individuals of the same sex who are "legally married," the intention is to include all legal marriages, regardless of the individuals' current domicile or residence. 1

The programs affected by this policy include the following:

Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- State Protection and Advocacy Systems under the Developmental Disabilities Act ("DD Act")



Under section 144(a)(1)(B) of the DD Act, 42 U.S.C. § 15044(a)(1)(B), in a State in which the protection and advocacy system

The purpose of this guidance is to advise ACL grantees of the Federal government's policy regarding same-sex marriages, in light of the Supreme Court's ruling in *United States v. Windsor*, 133 S. Ct. 2675 (2013). In *Windsor*, the Court struck down as unconstitutional section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibited federal recognition of same-sex marriages and spouses. In keeping with the Supreme Court's analysis and reasoning in that decision, ACL's post-*Windsor* policy calls for treating same-sex marriages on the same terms as opposite-sex marriages to the greatest extent reasonably possible. Thus, ACL programs should recognize as family members individuals of the same sex who are lawfully married under the law of a state, territory, or foreign jurisdiction. This policy applies based on the jurisdiction of celebration. In other words, if individuals of the same sex are legally married in any jurisdiction, ACL will recognize the marriage, regardless of whether the individuals are domiciled or reside in a state or territory that does not recognize the marriage. Thus, when this guidance discusses individuals of the same sex who are "legally married," the intention is to include all legal marriages, regardless of the individuals' current domicile or residence. 1

The programs affected by this policy include the following:

Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- State Protection and Advocacy Systems under the Developmental Disabilities Act ("DD Act")

Under section 144(a)(1)(B) of the DD Act, 42 U.S.C. § 15044(a)(1)(B), in a State in which the protection and advocacy system...

Joyce Robinson Wright

Aging Services Program Specialist

Administration for Community Living, Region IV

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Phone: 404-562-7594

FAX: 404-562-7598

Webinar: Introduction to Habilitation Therapy for Alzheimer's and Dementia (Attachment)

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

Please see the attached flyer about a webinar on habilitation therapy being offered by the Virginia Geriatric Education Center. Dr. Paul Raia, Ph.D. will lead the webinar that is intended for health care providers as well as social workers, case managers.



FREE Foundation (Attachment)

Kathy Miller, Director of Programs, Division for the Aging

The FREE Foundation helps people regain their independence and quality of life through the gift of medical mobility equipment.

The FREE Foundation was founded in Roanoke, Virginia in 1999. Chapter growth now includes Lynchburg, Winchester, Richmond, South Hampton Roads and Williamsburg.

In 2014, FREE provided 1,786 pieces of mobility equipment to 1,259 recipients statewide, with a total value of \$607,750 for uninsured/underinsured patients. Equipment is primarily received from the community through donations or partnership with Goodwill. Donated equipment is maintained, repaired and sanitized to meet industry standards before redistribution to patients.

Mobility Equipment provided includes:

- Walkers
- Manual and Power Wheelchairs
- Power Scooters
- Shower Chairs and Tub Transfer Benches
- Bedside Commodes

FREE saves hospitals, insurance companies and communities money. For every dollar invested in FREE of Virginia, \$67 is saved on medical care.

In 2014, the FREE Foundation saved Virginia over \$19 million dollars by providing medical mobility equipment to its clients.

The FREE Foundation primarily relies on grant funding to meet operational expenses. Partners that help keep costs down through donation of space and utilities at chapters include Sentara Healthcare, Centra Health, Valley Health and Goodwill.

Administration for Community Living

Guidance for ACL grantees regarding the Supreme Court Decision on United States v. Windsor

The purpose of this guidance is to advise ACL grantees of the Federal government's policy regarding same-sex marriages, in light of the Supreme Court's ruling in United States v. Windsor, 133 S. Ct. 2675 (2013). In Windsor, the Court struck down as unconstitutional section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibited federal recognition of same-sex marriages and spouses. In keeping with the Supreme Court's analysis and reasoning in that decision, ACL's post-Windsor policy calls for treating same-sex marriages on the same terms as opposite-sex marriages to the greatest extent reasonably possible. Thus, ACL programs should recognize as family members individuals of the same sex who are lawfully married under the law of a state, territory, or foreign jurisdiction. This policy applies based on the jurisdiction of celebration. In other words, if individuals of the same sex are legally married in any jurisdiction, ACL will recognize the marriage, regardless of whether the individuals are domiciled or reside in a state or territory that does not recognize the marriage. Thus, when this guidance discusses individuals of the same sex who are "legally married," the intention is to include all legal marriages, regardless of the individuals' current domicile or residence.¹

The programs affected by this policy include the following:

Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- State Protection and Advocacy Systems under the Developmental Disabilities Act ("DD Act")

Under section 144(a)(1)(B) of the DD Act, 42 U.S.C. § 15044(a)(1)(B), in a State in which the protection and advocacy system used to protect individuals with disabilities is organized as a private nonprofit entity with a multimember governing board, or a public system with a multimember governing board, the governing board must include a majority of members who are:

- (i) individuals with disabilities, including individuals with developmental disabilities, who are eligible for services, or have received or are receiving services through the system; or
- (ii) parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of individuals referred to in clause (i)

For purposes of complying with this requirement, ACL will recognize individuals of the same sex who are legally married as family members.

¹ There may be circumstances where a legal marriage from a foreign country is not recognized by any State in the United States, or where the United States does not recognize the marriage. This guidance would not apply in such circumstances.

An equivalent analysis will apply to the advisory councils, as required under section 144(a)(5)(B) of the DD Act, 42 U.S.C. § 15044(a)(5)(B). This section requires a majority of the advisory council members to be:

- (i) individuals with developmental disabilities who are eligible for services, or have received or are receiving services, through the system; or
- (ii) parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of individuals referred to in clause (i).

- National Network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research & Service

Under section 154(a)(3)(E) of the DD Act, 42 U.S.C. § 15064(a)(3)(E), University Centers for Excellence must include in their applications reasonable assurances that the Center will establish a consumer advisory committee:

- (i) of which a majority of the members shall be individuals with developmental disabilities and family members of such individuals;

Legally married individuals of the same sex will be considered family members.

- Projects of National Significance

Section 161 of the DD Act, 42 U.S.C. § 15081, generally authorizes grants, contracts or cooperative agreements for projects of national significance. The DD Act anticipates that such grants, contracts or cooperative agreement will, among other things, support the development of national and State policies that encourage family support activities. In interpreting such family support services, ACL will recognize spouses of the same sex in legal marriages as family members.

- Help America Vote Act Protection and Advocacy Systems

Under 42 U.S.C. § 15461(c)(3)(B), for a protection and advocacy (P&A) system to be eligible for a grant, the P&A must be “governed by a board with respect to which the majority of its members are individuals with disabilities or family members of such individuals or individuals who are blind.” ACL will recognize spouses of the same sex in a legal marriage as family members for purposes of this provision.

Administration on Aging

- Home-Delivered Nutrition Services

Section 339(2)(i) of the Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3030g–21(2)(I), requires a state that establishes and operates a nutrition project under the Older Americans Act to “ensure that the project...ensures that nutrition services will be available to older individuals and to their spouses...”

Federal law defines the category of beneficiaries under this provision, and ACL will recognize individuals of the same sex who are legally married as spouses.

- National Family Caregiver Support Program

Section 372(a)(2) of the Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3030s(a)(2), defines “grandparent or older individual who is a relative caregiver” as

a grandparent or stepgrandparent of a child, or a relative of a child by blood, marriage, or adoption, who is 55 years of age or older and--

(A) lives with the child;

(B) is the primary caregiver of the child because the biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregiver of the child; and

(C) has a legal relationship to the child, as such legal custody or guardianship, or is raising the child informally.

Federal law defines the category of beneficiaries under this provision, and ACL will recognize a legally married same sex spouse as a relative of a child by marriage.

- References to “Family” in the Older Americans Act

The term “family” is used throughout the Older Americans Act. See, e.g., section 102(a)(11), (18) of the Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3002(a)(11) (definition of case management services, caregiver); section 201(d)(2)(B)(iii), 42 U.S.C. § 3011(d)(2)(B)(iii) (requirements for the Director of the Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs); section 302(3), 42 U.S.C., § 3022(3) (definition of family caregiver). ACL will recognize an individual of the same sex who is legally married as a member of one’s family with respect to each such reference.

To the extent necessary, ACL will revise grant terms and conditions to incorporate the above guidance. If you have a program-specific concern or specific questions, please contact your ACL program officer, grants officer, or regional office.

Thank you for your attention to this priority matter.

An Introduction to Habilitation Therapy for Alzheimer's and Dementia

Presented by the [Virginia Geriatric Education Center](#).

Date: Thursday, July 9, 2015

Time: 12:15pm (EST) to 1:00pm (EST)

REGISTER [here](#).

DESCRIPTION:

Do you provide health or human services for older adults? Or is your patient population getting older? Alzheimer's disease attacks the brain and it is the most common form of dementia. The incidence of the disease is rising in line with the aging population, and prevalence doubles every five years after age 65. You may not recognize it as symptoms usually develop slowly, but changes in patients' memory, thinking, and behavior (sometimes due to onset of Alzheimer's or Dementia) can negatively impact your ability to effectively provide care. Join this webinar if you want to learn how you can better connect with patients and improve their healthcare experience through habilitation therapy (therapy designed to help patients learn, keep, or improve skills and functional abilities that are not developing normally due to Alzheimer's or dementia).

OBJECTIVES

After participating in this webinar, you will be able to:

- Describe habilitation therapy techniques for patients with dementia; and
- Identify opportunities to better support aging patients with habilitation therapy.

PARTICIPANTS: This webinar is designed for health care providers including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurses, counselors, social workers, case managers, and other staff who interact with patients, who work in multiple types of settings including primary care, geriatric care, maternal and child health care, STD/HIV & reproductive health care, mental health, addictions, health departments, hospitals, health centers, schools, and community health settings.

FACULTY: Paul Raia, Ph.D



Dr. Raia has worked in the fields of psychology and gerontology for 40+ years, including his current position as Vice President for Professional Clinical Services at the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter, where he has served for the past 27 years. Dr. Raia has developed a comprehensive approach to dementia care, Habilitation Therapy, and has dedicated his career to teaching others how to emotionally connect with individuals with dementia by using its domains and techniques. Major hallmarks in his career are: Developing and facilitating the first support group in the country for early-stage patients; consulting on the design and running of scores of dementia dedicated units in nursing homes and assisted living facilities; and expanding the breadth and quality of services to those with dementia and their families. He is proud to be the first graduate of Perkins School for the Blind to serve on its Board of Directors. Showing great consistency and impeccable taste, he has been married for more than 42 years to the same woman, Celia, and still thinks he is lucky to be with her. Paul and Celia have an adult son who is an acclaimed chef.



F.A.Q.'s

The F.R.E.E. Foundation

Helping Those in Need find Independence through Mobility

What is The F.R.E.E. Foundation? F.R.E.E. is an acronym that stands for Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment & Endowment. Founded in Roanoke, VA in 1999, FREE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that collects, sanitizes, repairs and gifts donated medical mobility equipment to adults in need in Virginia.

What is rehabilitation mobility equipment? Any piece of equipment that helps someone regain and maintain their mobility and independence. Examples include power and manual wheelchairs, walkers, canes, power chairs, lift chairs and bathroom transfer aids.

Why is gifting mobility equipment important? People who go without needed mobility equipment fall more often. When they fall, they wind up in emergency rooms, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. They lose their mobility and their independence. When F.R.E.E. gifts equipment, falls drop by over 80%, resulting in dramatic drops (80%+) in ER visits, hospital stays and transfers to nursing homes and assisted living.

What communities does F.R.E.E. serve? F.R.E.E. has gifting locations in the cities of Roanoke, Lynchburg, Winchester, Richmond, Williamsburg, Virginia Beach/South Hampton Roads and serves those communities and surrounding areas.

I have gently used mobility equipment that I would like to donate. Where can I donate it? For all F.R.E.E. locations except Winchester, simply drop your tax-deductible donation off at any Goodwill store or donation site. The folks at Goodwill will make sure that donation gets to F.R.E.E. and is put to good use. To donate equipment to the Winchester Chapter of F.R.E.E., contact this Chapter directly to arrange.

Where is F.R.E.E. located? The home office of F.R.E.E. is located in Roanoke and each community served by F.R.E.E. has its own F.R.E.E. operating site. Please go to our website at www.free-foundation.org to find the physical location and contact information for the F.R.E.E. Chapter closest to you.

How do I know if I qualify for equipment from F.R.E.E.? If you have no other means of obtaining the mobility equipment your doctor prescribes, you can download the F.R.E.E. application at www.free-foundation.org. You will need to qualify financially and have a physician's prescription for the needed equipment.

Does F.R.E.E. serve children? In Virginia, children in need of mobility equipment have access to many other sources of help that address their needs. Therefore, F.R.E.E. focuses on serving the at risk adult population.

Does F.R.E.E. need volunteers? Absolutely. F.R.E.E. welcomes new volunteers and has many opportunities to help that do not require any special or medical knowledge. Again, contact information for all F.R.E.E. Chapters can be found at www.free-foundation.org.

Can I make a financial contribution to F.R.E.E.? Yes. Go to www.free-foundation.org and contribute. All donations from specific service area residents will go to that specific F.R.E.E. Chapter.

Who supports F.R.E.E.? All gifts of equipment come from members of the local communities that are served by F.R.E.E. F.R.E.E. is supported by grants from private and public sources and individual contributions. F.R.E.E. partners with The Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services and with Goodwill Industries.