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Obama Administration Presents National Plan to Fight Alzheimer's Disease

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius last week released an ambitious national plan to fight Alzheimer's disease. The plan was called for in the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA), which President Obama signed into law in January 2011. The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease sets forth five goals, including the development of effective prevention and treatment approaches for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by 2025.

In February 2012, the administration announced that it would take immediate action to implement parts of the plan, including making additional funding available in fiscal year 2012 to support research, provider education and public awareness. The Secretary announced additional specific actions, including the funding of two major clinical trials, jumpstarted by the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) infusion of additional FY 2012 funds directed at Alzheimer's disease; the development of new high-quality, up-to-date training and information for our nation's clinicians; and a new public education campaign and website to help families and caregivers find the services and support they need.

To help accelerate this urgent work, the President's proposed FY 2013 budget provides a \$100 million increase for efforts to combat Alzheimer's disease. These funds will support additional research (\$80 million), improve public awareness of the disease (\$4.2 million), support provider education programs (\$4.0 million), invest in caregiver support (\$10.5 million), and improve data collection (\$1.3 million).

"These actions are the cornerstones of an historic effort to fight Alzheimer's disease," Secretary Sebelius said. "This is a national plan—not a federal one,

because reducing the burden of Alzheimer's will require the active engagement of both the public and private sectors.”

For more information on the national plan to address Alzheimer's disease, visit: www.alzheimers.gov

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Share Your Older Americans Month Stories

If your community has hosted a great event such as a Day of Play, reached out to a new group or done anything else to make your Older Americans Month (OAM) a success, we want to hear about it! Share your photos, videos and OAM success stories with us by visiting

<http://www.olderamericansmonth.aoa.gov/CommunityCorner/ShareYourStories.aspx>

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Funding Opportunity

Seeking Proposals for Promising Innovations

[Kendal Charitable Funds](#) is seeking proposals for promising innovations that will transform the experience of aging. Established in 1989, the organization raises and disburses funds in support of the charitable purposes of the [Kendal Corporation](#) and its affiliates, a system of not-for-profit communities, programs, and services for older adults.

The Promising Innovations grant program seeks to support new projects designed to enhance the lives of older adults, whether through services, research, and/or developing new understandings and awareness of the potential for aging well. The program is looking for pilot projects that address one or more of these criteria. Priority will be given to opportunities that have the greatest potential for change and replication to impact the greatest number of individuals.

Grants are available only for new programs. Grants will not normally exceed a maximum of \$25,000. Eligible applicants are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Individuals may apply through a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving as his or her fiscal agent.

Letters of Inquiry are due by June 15, and full applications by August 1. Complete details can be found on the Kendal Charitable Funds Web site: <http://www.kendalcharitablefunds.org>

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HUD Makes Available \$85 Million to Fund Housing for Extremely Low-Income Persons with Disabilities

New Section 811 demonstration links state housing agencies with state Medicaid agencies

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced the availability of \$85 million to state housing agencies to provide affordable supportive housing for extremely low-income persons with disabilities. This is the first time in the history of HUD's [Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program](#) that funding will be offered to state housing agencies that meet new eligibility criteria, including having a partnership with a state health and human services and Medicaid agency to provide essential support and services.

Entities have until July 31, 2012 to apply for funding, which is expected to provide housing for 2,800 extremely low-income persons with disabilities.

To read more about this funding opportunity and to download the application package, go to www.grants.gov. The Funding Opportunity Number is FR-5600-N-28.

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ACL Webinar Series on the Affordable Care Act

On Tuesday, May 29, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will continue its series of webinars focused 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, beginning a multi-webinar series looking at managed long-term services and supports.

Title: Managed Long-Term Services and Supports 101

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2:00-3:30 pm Eastern

Description:

The Affordable Care Act provides incentives to states to develop new service delivery and payment models for acute care and long-term services and supports, and achieve the three part aim of improving care, improving

population health and lowering costs. As a result, a growing number of states are developing and implementing managed LTSS systems for older adults and individuals with disabilities. In this webinar, we will offer an overview of managed long-term services and supports – its history, how such plans currently work, why integration between acute care and long-term services and supports matters, and the challenges associated with such integration.

Presenters:

Marisa Scala-Foley, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC
Shawn Terrell, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC
James Toews, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC

To register for the online event

1. Go to <https://aoa-events.webex.com/aoa-events/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=661740484>
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) soon after the webinar.

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Webinar on CFPB and SSA: New Initiatives That Will Impact You and Your Clients

This webinar, sponsored by WISER (Women’s Institute for a Secure Retirement) and the Insured Retirement Institute (IRI) will provide an update on new policy and education initiatives of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) that will impact your business and how you work with older clients.

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Time: 1:30 p.m. EST

Speakers:

*Hubert H. (“Skip”) Humphrey III, CFPB Office of Older Americans
Carolyn Colvin, SSA Deputy Commissioner*

Moderators:

Cathy Weatherford, President and CEO of IRI

Cindy Hounsell, President of WISER

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

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May 2012 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. You are also encouraged to submit questions you would like to have answered on the calls to ACA101@hhs.gov

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

[May 22nd 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.

[May 30th at 2:00 pm ET](#) – The Health Care Law and Home and Community-Based Services

A discussion of the new home and community-based services that are now available as a result of the health care law, the Affordable Care Act. The new Community First Choice Option will be discussed. Speakers are from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Online Chats Sponsored by the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative

Online Chat for Aging Network Leaders

Chat with webinar presenter Sabrina Reilly to brainstorm how you can start a volunteer program in your organization.

Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

About the Presenter:

Currently, Sabrina Reilly serves as Vice President for Growth and Outreach at Capital Caring, one of the nation's oldest and largest hospice and palliative care providers. Previously, she directed Age4Action, a national tri-sector collaboration of government, corporate and nonprofit stakeholders working on behalf of continued older adult community engagement through work, service, learning and leadership. She led the multi-million dollar RespectAbility initiative at National Council on Aging, which developed models to position public and nonprofit organizations to harness older adults in leadership-level roles. She also has held leadership positions at the National Senior Service Corps, the Corporation for National and Community Service and AARP.

Sponsor: Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative

To participate, go to <http://agingnetworkvolunteers.org/event/chat-with-sabrina-reilly/>

Online Chat for Volunteer Program Leaders

Join Tobi Johnson for an online discussion on how to effectively engage older volunteers and how to connect your organization's mission with the passions of people who truly want to make a difference.

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

About the Presenter:

Tobi Johnson, president of Tobi Johnson & Associates, has more than 25 years of experience managing social sector programs in the arts, employment and training, human services, and community health benefits counseling. For the last decade, she has worked with volunteer programs in the aging network, as a SHIP and SMP Director in Washington State and now as a consultant, sharing her ideas and inspiration with nonprofit leaders across the country.

To participate, go to <http://agingnetworkvolunteers.org/event/chat-with-tobi-johnson/>

Online Chat with Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative Director Tom Endres

Ask your own questions of Tom, and share your answer to his: "How can The Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative get you ready to tap the wisdom of older adult volunteers?"

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

To participate, go to <http://agingnetworkvolunteers.org/event/chat-with-tom-endres/>

To learn more about the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative, visit the website at <http://agingnetworkvolunteers.org>

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Let's Move Faith and Communities Monthly Call

Focus on Intergenerational Health & Wellness Activities

Join the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships for its next [Let's Move Faith and Communities](#) call to learn more about hosting intergenerational health and wellness activities in your community. Several guest speakers will share ideas about how to integrate older generations more actively into wellness leadership and community activities around exercise and nutrition.

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. ET, 1:00 p.m. CT, 12:00 p.m. Mountain, 11:00 a.m. PT

[Click here to RSVP](#) for this Let's Move Faith and Communities call. Call-in information will be emailed in advance of the call.

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NeedyMeds Webinar Series

NeedyMeds is a non-profit information resource for people searching for programs that offer assistance with medications and other related health care costs. This bi-monthly webinar series will provide an overview of the different resources available on the NeedyMeds website.

To register for the next hour-long session, click [May 31 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time](#)

To learn more about NeedyMeds, go to <http://www.needymeds.org/index.htm>

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Webinar Reminder

Webinar on Providing Culturally Competent Services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clients

This webinar is a part of the National Elder Rights Training Project webinar series for the National Legal Resource Center. This webinar will focus on basic information about unique needs. It will also provide potential.

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (EDT)

Agenda:

*Unique needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) older adults
Approaches for improving quality of services provided to LGBT older adults*

Presenters:

Hilary Meyer, National Resource Center on LGBT Aging at Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE)

Sherrill Wayland, Executive Director, SAGE Metro St. Louis

Moderator:

David Godfrey, Senior Attorney, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging)

For more information or to register, click [here](#)

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Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative

On March 16, 2012, the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative was launched in Washington, DC. The Volunteer Collaborative is an online resource center designed to help leaders and volunteer managers in the aging and disability communities double older adult volunteers by developing new opportunities to increase organizational capacity, as well as expand and personalize services.

The website provides a collection of research-based support for the Aging Network – including case studies, tips, strategies and an online community – to help engage and empower older adult volunteers seeking meaningful opportunities to contribute valuable skills and experience. The goal of the initiative is to reach one million volunteers by 2015.

“Volunteers have always been a critical part of how we provide supportive services to older people and their caregivers,” said Edwin Walker, the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living. “Today we have the largest and most capable group of healthy adults turning 65, and we need them more than ever as volunteers, as the population of

older persons needing assistance continues to grow. The Volunteer Collaborative will be the vehicle that fosters, supports, and modernizes volunteerism in the aging and disability networks,” he said.

The Aging Network’s Volunteer Collaborative is funded by the Administration on Aging, led by n4a in partnership with NASUAD, the Corporation of National and Community Service, AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Center for Certification of Volunteer Administrators.

To learn more about the Aging Network’s Volunteer Collaborative, visit the website at <http://www.agingnetworkvolunteercollaborative.org/>

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Health, United States, 2011

Higher education and income levels keys to better health

Health, United States, 2011 is the government’s annual comprehensive report on Americans’ health. It is prepared by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Health Statistics. This 35th edition includes a compilation of health data through 2010 from a number of sources within the federal government and in the private sector. It also features a special section on socioeconomic status and health.

A copy of the full report or an abridged version are available at www.cdc.gov/nchs

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FDA Health Women’s Action Kit

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently created a free [Healthy Women's Action Kit](#). This kit includes FDA's-Office of Women’s Health fact sheets on topics including: mammograms, hypertension, pap tests, and more. The Healthy Women's Action Kit is being promoted by a variety of sources including 'Dear Abby'.

Get a free kit for yourself and for the women in your life by ordering at promotions.usa.gov/dearabby.html

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AHRQ Requests Nominations for Its National Advisory Council

The Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is seeking nominations for seven new public members for its National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality, which advises

the Secretary of HHS and the Director of AHRQ on matters related to activities of the Agency to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. The 21-member Council meets in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, generally in Rockville, MD, approximately three times a year. Members generally serve three-year terms, and new members will start their service in 2012.

AHRQ seeks individuals who are distinguished in the conduct of research, demonstration projects and evaluations with respect to health care; in the fields of health care quality research or health care improvement; in the practice of medicine or other health professions; in the private health care sector or administrators of health care delivery systems; in the fields of health care economics, information systems, law, ethics, business, or public policy; and in representing the interests of patients and consumers of health care.

Nominations are due July 3. For more information, go to the May 3 [Federal Register](#) notice.

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FTC Call for Information on Senior Identity Theft

The staff of the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#) is [seeking information](#) from the public on how [identity theft](#) impacts senior citizens, which the agency will use to inform its law enforcement agenda, policy initiatives and [consumer education efforts](#).

FTC seeks information, including original research, on the scope of senior identity theft, challenges to combating it, and solutions. The agency is particularly interested in data on the prevalence of identity theft targeting senior citizens; types of identity theft schemes and the extent to which thieves use them to target seniors; precautions seniors can take to protect their identity; and public and private sector solutions to senior identity theft.

Comments can be submitted through July 15, 2012. To learn more, including where to send your input, go to <http://www.ftc.gov/os/2012/04/120426idtheftannouncement.pdf>

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New Digital Resource for Older Adults

The new digital resource, Next Avenue, was conceived to help seniors deal with their full range of concerns and interests. Its core premise is that learning never ends. Next Avenue offers penetrating insights, a lively blend of fresh journalism

and trusted information from government, non-profit agencies and commercial media outlets, including a number of PBS stations around the country.

To join the Next Avenue community or to sign up for the free newsletter, visit the website at <http://www.nextavenue.org/>

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Go Direct During Older Americans Month

May is Older Americans Month. There's no better time to help seniors switch from paper checks to direct deposit or the Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card for their Social Security payments. By making the switch now, seniors can cross one thing off their to-do list and avoid possible long waits as the March 1, 2013 deadline approaches. Plus, by taking action now, seniors will help save taxpayers money and immediately receive their payments in a more reliable way.

It's easy to promote electronic payments for federal benefits and motivate seniors to take this important step. Here's how:

Train Your Staff – Share internal campaign messages with your staff and encourage them to help seniors understand the new requirement for all-electronic federal benefit payments.

Distribute Information – Display, publish and share campaign fliers, statement messages, newsletter copy, web banners, social media posts and more with the seniors you serve.

Help Them Switch – Take a few minutes to visit www.GoDirect.org or call (800) 333-1795 and help people make the switch. They'll need their most recent federal benefit check and bank or credit union information (for direct deposit).

To order or download free materials, visit www.GoDirect.org

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Arthritis Awareness Month
Sponsor: Arthritis Foundation

To learn about observance events and programs in your community, go

to <http://www.arthritis.org/arthritismawarenessmonth.php>

Asthma Awareness Month

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

To learn more or to download a toolkit, go to <http://www.epa.gov/asthma/>

Mental Health Awareness Month

Sponsor: Mental Health America

To learn more or to download a toolkit, go to
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/may>

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Sponsor: President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

To learn more or to download materials, go to <http://www.fitness.gov/>

May 25: Heat Safety Awareness Day

Sponsor: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service

To learn more, go to <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/index.shtml>

May 27 - June 2: National Hurricane Preparedness Week

Sponsor: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service

To learn more, go to <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

May 30: National Senior Health & Fitness Day[®]

Sponsor: Mature Market Resource Center

Theme: "Get Moving...Start Improving!"

To get event and registration materials, go to <http://www.fitnessday.com/>

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