



February 8, 2013

Greetings from the Secretary

Greetings everyone,

Governor Tom Corbett gave his budget address to a joint session of the Pennsylvania Legislature on Tuesday. Thanks to two years of fiscal restraint, the Governor proposes some responsible spending increases. This budget spends a total of \$28.4 billion, once again spending no more than we take in. Pennsylvania's hard-working people, key location and abundant natural resources continue to give our state unlimited potential. We've created success by expanding opportunities, not raising taxes. The Governor's proposal focuses on several key areas such as education, welfare, jobs, public safety, agriculture, pensions, and transportation.

In his address the Governor also emphasized his commitment to caring for older Pennsylvanians. He recognized the growing population of older Pennsylvanians and the growing need for services. At this time one million of our older citizens depend on services which are funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery.

As a result of changes in the management of the Lottery, the Governor's proposal adds \$50 million dollars for senior programs.

The additional funds will help to reduce the waiting list for home and community services provided by the Options program, increase funding for Attendant Care Services, provide support for the Aging Waiver program, allow for increased investment in Area Agencies on Aging and help with Senior Center modernization.

Governor Tom Corbett signed an Executive Order establishing the Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease Planning Committee, which is tasked with developing a State Alzheimer's Plan in 12 months that will serve as a comprehensive approach to addressing the growing number of Pennsylvanians living with Alzheimer's disease and other related brain disorders.

The order was signed at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine Smilow Center for Translational Research. Distinguished speakers regarding the need to address Alzheimer's in Pennsylvania included John Trojanowski, MD, PhD Director of the Alzheimer's disease Center and the Institute on Aging of the University of Pennsylvania; Neil Resnick, MD, Chief of the Division of Geriatrics at the University of Pittsburgh and Associate Director of Strategic Planning at the Aging Institute.; Bob Marino, Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Public Policy Coalition of the Alzheimer's Association and Board member.

Pennsylvania is fortunate to have two National Institute on Aging (NIA) Alzheimer's disease Research Centers, one at the University of Pennsylvania and the other at the University of Pittsburgh.

Rep. Kathy Watson, representing the 144th Legislative District, Chair of the Alzheimer's Caucus and former long-serving member of the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, now Chair of the House Children and Youth Committee and prime sponsor for House Bill 2270, which led to the Executive Order reminded all of the importance of the work that the Governor was initiating through his leadership.

Chairman Tim Hennesey of the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee and Senator Pat Browne, Majority Whip, also spoke to those gathered of the importance of the action being taken. Democratic Chair Steve Samuelson of the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee was also in attendance.

My thanks to Kathy Jedrzewski, PhD, Deputy Director of the Institute on Aging and all at Penn, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the Governor's office for their support in planning this event. Thanks also to the University of Pennsylvania for hosting the event.

Thank you to those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers and advocates who joined us along with representatives of state associations whose members reach out every day to care for those living with the disease.

Finally and importantly, we thank Governor Tom Corbett for signing this Executive Order.

The Pennsylvania Council on Aging held a meeting on Wednesday and I was able to briefly welcome them and share news of the Governor's proposed budget. My thanks to Council Chair Sara Parker and to all members of the Council, and to Donna Reinaker, Executive Director of the Council.

Also on Wednesday, I attended the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board (WIB) meeting in Harrisburg. I serve as a member of the WIB. The WIB acts as the governor's private-sector policy advisor on a workforce development system to align with education policies and economic development goals. The Board is made up of business executives, labor officials, education leaders, economic development practitioners and local elected officials. Additionally, the cabinet secretaries of five state agencies, including Aging, as well as four members of the general assembly serve on the Board. Service on the WIB provides an opportunity to share information on the older person in the workforce as well as the need to continue to develop a workforce to help older Pennsylvanians.

On Thursday morning, I visited the West Philadelphia Senior Center. I shared information on the Governor's proposed budget, the State Plan on Aging, and the Lottery Private Management Agreement. My thanks to Director Pat Stanley, her entire team and for the participants of the West Philadelphia Senior Center for their hospitality and the opportunity to visit.

I wish you a safe and pleasant weekend.

Brian M. Duke
Secretary of Aging

Legislative Update

The House of Representatives and Senate will be in session on Monday, February 11, Tuesday, February 12, and Wednesday, February 13.

News from the Governor's Office

On Thursday, Governor Corbett signed an Executive Order to create the Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease Planning Committee. The Department of Aging would like to thank the Governor as well as House Children & Youth Committee Chairwoman Kathy Watson (R-Bucks) who sponsored similar legislation last session. House Aging & Older Adult Services Committee Chairmen Tim Hennessey (R-Chester) and Steve Samuelson (D-Lehigh) were also in attendance.

News from the House

The House Aging & Older Adult Services Committee will be hosting an informational meeting to hear a presentation by the PA State Data Center on aging demographics in the Commonwealth. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 13, at 9:30 a.m. in Room G-50, Irvis Office Building.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Rosenstein in our Office of Legislative Affairs at 717-783-0508.

Personnel Updates

On February 4, 2013, Jennifer Crossley moved as a Project Manager contractor from the Aging and Disability Resources Center/LINK to the Policy and Strategic Planning Office in the Office of Long-Term Living. Jennifer's replacement is David Drezner, who was the Program Specialist for the Northeast Region of the Aging and Disability Resources Center/LINK.

On February 4, 2013, Demetrius Greene joined the Department of Aging as a THIS Intern (The Harrisburg Internship Semester Program). THIS internship program places students selected from each of the 14 universities in working relationships with policy makers in the executive and legislative branches of Pennsylvania government, as well as with independent boards, agencies and commissions. Demetrius can be reached at 717-783-6873.

On February 4, 2013, Carmen Toro started as an Aging Services Specialist in the Integrated Care Division, Bureau of Individual Support. Carmen can be reached at 717-214-7507.

On February 4, 2013, Amy Bare started as a Registered Nurse contractor in the Provider Services Division, Bureau of Provider Support. Amy can be reached at 717-772-1471.

On February 4, 2013, Barbara Johns started as a Registered Nurse contractor in the Erie Field Operations, Bureau of Provider Support. Barbara can be reached at 814-871-6456.

Bureau of Provider Supports

Older Adult Daily Living Center Dually Licensed as an Adult Training Facility Aging Program Directive

If you would like to apply for a regulatory waiver to waive the requirement for an onsite inspection by Department of Aging licensing representatives please refer to the Aging Program Directive (APD) that details the process for Older Adult Daily Living Centers that are dually-licensed as an Adult Training Facility. To access this APD, [click here](#).

To review a frequently asked questions document regarding dually licensed older adult daily living centers, [click here](#). To view the template form to be used to submit regulatory waiver requests, [click here](#).

Please submit waiver requests as directed in the APD to the attention of Kevin Longenecker, Director of the Division of Licensing. Please contact Mr. Longenecker by phone at (717) 265-7568 or via email at Klongeneck@pa.gov if you have questions.

PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources

Armstrong County Link

On Wednesday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Belmont Complex in Kittanning, the Armstrong County Link to Aging and Disability Resources will host an informational session on Aging, Disabilities and Sexuality. For more information please contact the Armstrong County Link Coordinator Kesha Pate at kesha@armstrongADRC.org

Butler County Link

The Butler County Link to Aging and Disability Resources Collaborative Partner meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Butler YMCA. There will be a presentation from VOICE, the local Domestic Violence Shelter on their agency's programs and services. For more information please contact the Butler County Link Coordinator Beth Friedman at efriedman@ccrinfo.org

Pike County Link

The Pike County Link to Aging and Disability Resources will hold a collaborative meeting and cross training on Thursday, February 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Staff from the local Veterans Affairs office will present on the services offered through their office. To view the flyer for this event, [click here](#). For more information see attached flyer or contact Pike County Link Coordinator Janice Boyd at jboyd@pikepa.org.

Columbia-Montour Link

On Wednesday, February 13 at 8:00 a.m. the Columbia-Montour Link is hosting the monthly meeting of the River Valley Senior Provider Group at the Columbia-Montour AAA offices in Bloomsburg. Central Susquehanna Opportunities, the local Community Action Agency and the Columbia-Montour Area Aging Office Inc. Will give presentations on their services and programs. For more information, please see the attached flyer or contact the Columbia-Montour Link Coordinator at lrosbach@cmaaa15.org.

The Office of Long Term Living

Long-Term Care Delivery System Subcommittee

The Policy and Strategic Planning Office is hosting the next bi-monthly meeting of the Long-Term Care Delivery System Subcommittee (LTC Sub) of the Medical Assistance Advisory Committee (MAAC), scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at Temple University-Harrisburg, Strawberry Square, 4th and Walnut Streets, Room 246-248, promptly at 10 a.m. to noon. For more information on this event please contact John Esposito at (717) 265-7572.

APPRISE

2012 Program Final Quarter

The APPRISE Program ended the final quarter of 2012 with the following numbers:

From 10/1/12 to 12/31/12 APPRISE met with a total of 34,550 individuals concerning their Medicare benefits. Staff and volunteers spent over 19,470 hours with beneficiaries.

During the same time period, the APPRISE Program held 2,645 events across the state. This number includes:

- 812 interactive presentations to the public
- 78 booths at health fairs/senior fairs
- 1,424 dedicated enrollment events
- 39 Radio Shows
- 3 TV shows
- 35 electronic media (websites, PSA, web crawls, etc.)
- 245 print activities (newspaper articles, newsletters, targeted mailings, etc.)

BRAVO Awards Reminder

In April the Annual APPRISE Conference will host our Third Annual BRAVO Awards. This award ceremony is to honor and acknowledge the work of our Local APPRISE Coordinators. Six Local APPRISE Coordinators will be recognized during this award ceremony in six categories. To review these categories, [click here](#).

In order for the award recipients to be selected and for the awards to be produced before the Annual Conference; Nomination Forms are due on Thursday, **February 28, 2013**. To access the nomination form, [click here](#).

All Nomination Forms can be emailed to Kerry Ann Clapper at kclapper@blairsenior.org, faxed to (814) 949-4857 or mailed to: 1320 12th Avenue - Altoona, PA 16601. If you know a volunteer or staff member who would like to submit a Nomination Form, feel free to forward this information to them.

Bureau of Advocacy, Protection and Education

OmbudsManager v3.0 Reminder for Network

The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program has been working diligently on the upgrade to the statewide database from the current OmbudsManager system to OmbudsManager v3.0. In November, the State Office established a Pennsylvania OmbudsManager Users Group comprised of ombudsmen and ombudsmen supervisors from across the Commonwealth.

In February, the State Office will provide live webinars as a means of training on Pennsylvania-specific details with regard to data entry, policies and reports. The Network will be notified of those dates as soon as possible. Thank you to Harmony, the PA OmbudsManager Users Group and all the Area Agencies on Aging for your hard work in making this transition as smooth as possible.

Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program

Caregiver Webinar Series Reminder

In recognition of family caregivers, commencing in November, National Family Caregiver Month, the Department of Aging is hosting a series of family caregiver webinars. The fourth caregiver webinar will be held on Thursday, **February 21, 2013**, at noon. The topic is "Legal Issues for the Caregiver," presented by Cindy Haines, Legal Counsel for the PA Department of Aging. To review the registry information for this webinar, [click here](#).

Previous webinars may be viewed on the Long Term Living Training Institute's website: <http://ltltrainingpa.org/>

Please visit the Department of Aging's website in upcoming weeks for additional details. To find out more about the Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program, click here or contact Bonnie Zarlenga at BZarlenga@pa.gov.

Prime Time Health Programs

Heart Healthy Tips for February

February is recognized as heart healthy Month. The Prime Time Health program has assembled some nutrition and fitness tips to help keep your heart as healthy as possible. To view these tips, [click here](#).

Medication Safety Webinar Reminder

The National Council on Aging (NCoA) is offering a webinar on **Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 3 – 4:30 p.m.** entitled *Medication Safety*. This webinar is offered by HomeMeds which is an [AoA approved, highest-level criteria program](#). It

will discuss the growing problem of medication errors and improper use of medications among older adults. It will address how connecting homecare and other community-based services to healthcare providers can improve medication safety. To register for this webinar, please [click here](#).

For questions or more information please contact Lois Shelton at lshelton@pa.gov.

Service Coordinator Webinar Series

Home Modifications Reminder

This is a 3-part webinar series presented by Roberta Schwalm, Manager of Special Initiatives, PA Housing Finance Agency. Each webinar is two hours in length and will be held on the following days and times: **February 14, and 21, 2013**. All sessions are 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This webinar series will help you learn about home modifications and assistive technology and what they can accomplish. For more information, [click here](#).

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD)

Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Services Award Reminder

The NASUAD is proud to announce the 2013 Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Services Awards. This initiative is designed to highlight successful state-run programs that are leading the way in the creative use of volunteers in the long-term services and supports network. The award is open to programs that help older adults and persons with disabilities in the long-term services and supports system. Programs must be statewide in scope and operation.

Submissions will be accepted from until **May 30th, 2013**. Winners will be notified in June 2013 to prepare for formal announcement at the 2013 HCBS conference. To submit your organization's entry for this volunteer services award or review additional information, [click here](#).

Announcements

Extended Comment Period for Proposed Rule Change

The newly proposed regulations by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on the continued implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), involving the 2014 Medicaid expansion and both flexibilities and safeguards being built into the Medicaid program are published in the Federal Register.

The deadline for comment on the proposed regulations has been extended to **February 21, 2013**. Comments may be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services or CMS offices, or they be submitted electronically. To comment electronically, [click here](#).

Public Comment on Draft Research Plan: Behavioral Counseling to Promote a Healthy Diet and Physical Activity for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Persons with Known Risk Factors

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force posted for public comment its draft Research Plan on behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet and physical activity for cardiovascular disease prevention in persons with known risk factors. The draft Research Plan is available for review and public comment until **February 25, 2013**. To review the draft Research Plan and submit comments, [click here](#).

Older Americans Month 2013 Logo and Other Materials Now Available

The Older Americans Month theme for 2013, Unleash the Power of Age, has never been more fitting. Older Americans are productive, active, and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom, and life experience with their families, friends, and neighbors. To view and download Older Americans Month 2013 materials, [click here](#).

New 2013 Poverty Guidelines

HHS has announced the 2013 poverty guidelines for the United States. The poverty guidelines start at \$11,490 for a single person. The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by the Community Services Block Grant program and a number of other Federal programs. The poverty guidelines issued here are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty. To read the guidelines, [click here](#).

Department of Labor's Campaign for Disability Employment Launches "Because" PSA

The US Department of Labor's Campaign for Disability Employment (CDE) recently released the new video public service announcement (PSA), "Because," the second in its "What can YOU do?" public outreach initiative.

The PSA features real stories of youth and adults with disabilities who have pursued and realized their goals and dreams because of the support they received from mentors such as parents, friends, employers, teachers, and others. The campaign challenges myths and misperceptions about employment of people with disabilities with new views of the many talents and capabilities they bring to the workforce. The PSA will be distributed to more than 1,400 television stations, including cable and Spanish-language stations. To download "Because" posters and more information about the Campaign for Disability Employment, [click here](#).

"My Social Security" Portal Launching

As of January 7, 2013, the SSA has expanded services available with the My Social Security portal. Those who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are now able to request, as well as receive, benefit verification letters online. Additionally, beneficiaries who receive SSI can now access their benefit verification letter, payment history, and earnings record. For more information, [click here](#). To create an account, [click here](#).

New Aging and Disability Network Participant Direction Toolkit

The National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPPDS) has announced the release of the Aging and Disability Network Toolkit. This toolkit, funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and developed by NRCPPDS, serves the Aging & Disability Network with an interactive educational resource on both the philosophical foundations and practices of participant direction and the structural and operational elements of a well-developed participant-directed program; including details about program design, implementation, and evaluation. To read more about this new resource for the Aging & Disability Network, [click here](#).

Events

Conference Call: Caregiving for People with Dementia and Intellectual Disabilities, Including Down Syndrome

On **February 14**, The ACL presents this conference call as part of the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) Technical Assistance Call Series. Participants will learn about the impact of caring for a family member with dementia and an intellectual disability, community living providers and their work with people with dementia and intellectual disabilities, and the perspectives of a family caregiver on the challenges of caring for a family member with dementia and Down syndrome.

Registration is required, either online ([click here](#)) or by phone: (888) 869-1189 or (706) 643-5902. Please note that space is limited, so please register as early as possible. Call materials and your personal dial-in information will be sent via email after registration is complete. This call will also be recorded and posted on the AoA website under Resources and Useful Links.

National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners LLC (NCCDP) Alzheimer's Dementia Staff Education Week: February 14-21

NCCDP is providing free staff in-services training from now until March 15th. These services include power point, handouts, staff pre & posttests such as Sexuality and Intimacy and Dementia, Senior Bullying, Travel Guidelines for People with Dementia, Preventing Resident to Resident Altercations, Broken Trust Elder Abuse, Ombudsman Program, and Leading Age Reducing Antipsychotic Medications. To learn more and access these materials, [click here](#).

National Conference: New Research on How Integrated and Coordinated Care Can Improve Outcomes for People with Disabilities

On March 11, this conference will showcase new research findings on care coordination and integrated care for people with disabilities, including those who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, people with severe mental illness, children with special health care needs, and frail elderly adults. The registration deadline is **February 22**. To register, [click here](#).

Elder Maltreatment and Care Symposium

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting an Elder Maltreatment Symposium on **March 8, 2013**, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. EST. The purpose of this symposium is to solicit input from stakeholders to assist CMS in

further development of Measure #181: Elder Maltreatment Screen and Follow-Up Plan, as part of the Physician Quality Reporting System.

The symposium will take place in the main auditorium of the Central Building of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244, or via Webinar. To register or find out more information, [click here](#).

2013 ASA Aging in America Conference

Aging in America, the 2013 annual conference of the American Society on Aging is the largest multidisciplinary aging conference in the country. It is recognized as the leading platform for sharing knowledge, perspectives, best practices and replicable models that help participants enhance their skills and be more effective in their work with older adults. This is a development opportunity for people and organizations whose missions support quality of life and care for elders. This conference will be held **March 12-16, 2013**. For more information on the conference, [click here](#). For registration information and deadlines, [click here](#).

Seminar on Frail Older Adults: Building a Care System

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) will provide the “how-to” knowledge to build the foundation for a system that is affordable, reliable, efficient, and provides care that any of us would be happy to receive when we are older at this seminar in Denver, Colorado on **March 20-21**.

This seminar is designed for anyone who treats older adults with complex needs, is interested in improving care for this group, and/or wants to integrate health care with care in the community, including clinical practitioners and administrators, hospitals and health systems, ACOs, and community-based service providers. Scholarships and special discounts are available. For more information, [click here](#).

AIRS Conference: Call for Proposals

This year, The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) Conference will be held **June 2-5**, in Portland, Oregon. AIRS is now accepting workshop proposal applications. The due date, March 1, 2013. Workshop topics include Aging and Disability, 2-1-1, I&R Service Delivery, I&R Management, and more. To access the proposal application, [click here](#).

Studies and Reports

Sixth Edition State Medicaid Integration Tracker Published

NASUAD has published the Sixth Edition of the State Medicaid Integration Tracker, a report that summarizes state actions in managed care for people who receive Medicaid-funded Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), as well state initiatives relating to services for people who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. This report is updated each month. To view a PDF of the Tracker on the NASUAD website, [click here](#).

New NIH Resources Help Growing Number of Americans with Vision Loss

A 20-page large-print booklet and a series of videos to help people adapt to life with low vision are available from the National Eye Institute (NEI). The booklet, Living

with Low Vision: What You Should Know, urges people with low vision to seek help from a low vision specialist and provides tips to maximize remaining eyesight, enabling them to safely enjoy a productive and rewarding life. The videos feature patient stories about living with low vision. To download these materials, [click here](#).

Disaster Response Template Toolkit

The Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Disaster Technical Assistance Center (DTAC) is pleased to announce the Disaster Response Template Toolkit. It contains a comprehensive collection of online resources and materials, as well as editable templates that can be tailored to meet the needs of any disaster response program.

The toolkit also contains customizable public education materials and tips for writing television, radio, and newspaper public service announcements (PSAs). There are also links and examples of disaster response program websites, social networking pages, and blogs. To access this toolkit, [click here](#).

Overcoming Retirement Hurdles: The Financial Realities for Women

Materials, including speaker bios and PowerPoint presentations, of the December 6-7, 2012 Overcoming Retirement Hurdles: The Financial Realities for Women Symposium sponsored by the Women's Institute For A Secure Retirement (WISER) are now available online. To view these materials, [click here](#).

Labor Force Participation and Work Status of People 65 Years and Older

The data presented in this report are based on the ACS sample interviewed in 2011. The estimates based on this sample approximate the actual values and represent the entire household and group quarters population. To read this report, [click here](#).

The Sandwich Generation: Rising Financial Burdens for Middle-Aged Americans

With an aging population and a generation of young adults struggling to achieve financial independence, the burdens and responsibilities of middle-aged Americans are increasing. Nearly half (47%) of adults in their 40s and 50s have a parent age 65 or older and are either raising a young child or financially supporting a grown child (age 18 or older). And about one-in-seven middle-aged adults (15%) is providing financial support to both an aging parent and a child. To review the additional findings of this report, [click here](#).

National Foundation to End Senior Hunger Offers New Online Newsletter

The National Foundation to End Senior Hunger has released their first edition of "Rooftops," an online newsletter available to interested parties. This newsletter seeks to inform, engage, and recruit anyone interested in the very important topic of senior hunger issues. To subscribe to the "Rooftops" newsletter, [click here](#).

Perspectives on Nutrition and Aging Proceedings Now Available

The National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging (NRC) has released of the complete Proceedings from Perspectives on Nutrition and Aging: a National Summit, held August 23, 2012. This event brought together some of the most innovative minds from the fields of aging, nutrition, public policy and health care to celebrate

the 40th anniversary of Older Americans Act nutrition programs and engage in a day of future-focused discussion about the critical link between nutrition and health in the context of a rapidly aging nation. To access the complete compilation of presentations, videos and materials published in the proceedings, [click here](#).

Report: Policy Options to Sustain Medicare for the Future

The Kaiser Family Foundation has released a report detailing policy options to control Medicare spending, due to the ongoing debate in Washington on solutions to reduce the federal budget and national debt. Some of the proposed options in Policy Options to Sustain Medicare in the Future include raising the eligibility age, implementing delivery system reforms and using a premium support model. This report is intended to act as a reference guide for policymakers, rather than an endorsement of a set of Medicare policy options. To read the report, [click here](#).

Webinars

Archived: Paying for Dental Care Using Incurred Medical Expenses

Accessing dental care can be especially difficult for nursing home residents. Paying for dental care using Incurred Medical Expenses (IME) helps long-term care residents get dental treatment and allows dental practices to get reimbursed for services. IME is routinely used for eyeglasses and hearing aids, but many people are not aware that it is also available for dental treatment.

Members of the ADA's National Elder Care Advisory Committee hosted on September 20, 2012 the Webinar: Reimbursement for Treating Long-Term Care Patients to educate dentists on using Incurred Medical Expense billing. To view this webinar, [click here](#).

Assisted Living Residences and Personal Care Homes: The Fundamental Distinctions

Most of Pennsylvania's long-term care stakeholders know that Act 56 of 2007 established what the term "assisted living" means in our state, and that the assisted living regulations became effective on January 18, 2011. What many stakeholders don't know is how the assisted living regulations differ from the personal care home regulations in terms of practical application. This session will address informed consent, service packages, excludable conditions, supplemental health care services, and other key differences to help operators decide which type of license best applies to their businesses. Ron Melusky, Director of DPW's Bureau of Human Services Licensing will present this webinar on Tuesday, **February 12, 2013** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. For more information, [click here](#).

Advance into Future Readiness with the National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging

The Administration on Aging-Meals on Wheels Association of American (AoA-MOWAA) National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging is launching this exciting new series of events and discussions geared toward providing aging network programs a platform for future-focused dialogue around the evolving role of senior nutrition services. The Momentum series launches **February 12, 2012**, with a

webinar on the role of quality nutrition programs in the communities they serve. If you are interested in learning more about the Momentum series, [click here](#).

Growing a Member Support Team

Rennie Cohen, Ann Tydeman and Mary Catherine Dabrowski of the organization “Aging Positively” will present the last webinar in their series of three focusing on enhancing the fundraising abilities of senior centers. This third webinar will be presented on **February 13, 2013**, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Register for this webinar on the Long Term Living Training Institute Learning Management System (LMS) at www.ltltrainingpa.org. If you already have an account on the LMS, just log-in, go to the Events Calendar, locate the webinar on February 13, 2013 and register. If you do not yet have an account on the LMS, click on the “Register your training account” link on the LMS Home Page (right-hand side under LTLTI Portal) and follow the directions to open up your account. Once your account is created, go to the Events Calendar, locate the webinar on **February 13, 2013**, and register.

For registration assistance, please contact the Long Term Living Training Institute at 717-541-4214. Since registrations must be limited to 200 registrants, we strongly encourage organizations to arrange for group viewing by all participants together in your offices rather than each participant in your organization viewing the webinar separately. Through group viewing, we will be able to make this webinar available to more participants.

Webinar on Caregivers as Partners and Clients of Behavioral Health Services

On **February 13**, this free webinar will discuss the role of caregivers in caring for older adults with behavioral health problems, such as depression, anxiety and alcohol and prescription drug misuse/abuse; explore the mental health impact that the caregiving role has on lives of caregivers themselves; and provide examples of evidence-based programs and resources that address the behavioral health needs of caregivers. To register or find out additional information, [click here](#).

Care for the Caregiver: Valentine’s Day Webinar

On **February 14**, sponsored by the National Center for Creative Aging (NCCA), this webinar is designed for the health care professional to learn self-care techniques through the creative arts – practices that can be used to ease the daily and cumulative stresses of caregiving.

Burnout, compassion fatigue, encounters with death, caregiver grief, and preserving self-integrity while caring for others will be explored through the transformative power of art. Cost: This event is free for NCCA members and \$35.00 for others. To register, [click here](#).

Housing 101

Housing 101 is a web-based course designed to prepare Nursing Home Transition Coordinators and other OLTL partners to assist individuals who are living in nursing homes make a successful move into the community. This next webinar will

be held on **February 14** at 1 p.m. During the webinar, the presenters will introduce the 6 module web-based training program on the basics of affordable accessible housing and review the content of each module. This will include how to use the Housing Needs Questionnaire to develop a Housing Plan for the individuals whom you are assisting. To register, [click here](#). The meeting password: Housing.

Expanding Your Senior Center Programming Part 1

Rennie Cohen, Ann Tydeman-Solomon and Mary Catherine Dabrowski of Aging Positively will present their next series of three webinars focusing on enhancing senior center programming. The first webinar will be presented on **February 27, 2013** from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. To view more information on this event, [click here](#).

Funding Opportunities

Oral Health Funding Opportunity

DentaQuest Foundation is looking to identify, cultivate and spread promising oral health models and effective approaches to pressing oral health challenges. On January 9, 2013 the latest Innovation Request for Proposals was released.

Individuals may submit concept papers at any time. The DentaQuest Foundation reviews these on the 4th Thursday of every month. Two weeks later, authors of successful concept papers will be invited to submit a full proposal. There is no specified amount of funding, as DentaQuest is seeking as wide of a range of ideas as possible. If a concept seems too large for context, DentaQuest will work to modify as reasonable. If an idea/proposal seems smaller than it could be, DentaQuest will also work with authors to expand. For more information about the Initiative, eligibility, and the application process, contact: Andrea Forsht, (617) 886-1760 or Andrea.Forsht@dentaquestfoundation.org.

Telehealth Network Grant Program

This opportunity will demonstrate how telehealth programs and networks can improve access to quality health care services in rural, frontier, and underserved communities. TNGP networks are used to: (a) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of health care services; (b) improve and expand the training of health care providers; and/or (c) expand and improve the quality of health information available to health care providers, and patients and their families, for decision-making. Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits and Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments). The close date is **February 13, 2013**, and the grant amount is \$2,250,000.00 for 9 awards. For more information, [click here](#).

AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Connections for Cardiovascular Health Program

The AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation has announced that it is accepting applications for the 2013 Connections for Cardiovascular Health grant program. This grant program supports nonprofit organizations engaged in charitable work at the community level in support of the foundation's mission to improve cardiovascular health in the United States. Eligible organizations can submit an online application from until **February 28, 2013**. To view complete RFP, [click here](#)

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP)

This opportunity helps small rural hospitals of 49 beds or less do any/all of the following: 1) enable equipment purchase and/or training to help hospitals attain value-based purchasing provision in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), 2) aid hospitals in joining or becoming accountable care organizations, or create shared savings programs per the ACA, and 3) enable hospitals to purchase health information technology, equipment and/or training to comply with meaningful use, ICD-10 standards, and payment bundling. The close date is **March 15, 2013**. For more information on this funding opportunity, [click here](#).

The National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) is now accepting nominations for the 17th Annual NISC Research Award.

The award will recognize outstanding research in the senior center field and serve as a catalyst for encouraging research related to the administration, operation, or programming of senior centers. The NISC Research Award will be presented during a NISC event in 2013.

Individuals and/or organizations are eligible to be nominated. Submissions may include journal articles, dissertations, books, research reports, and other research documents. Research must have been published after January 1, 2010. Nomination deadline is by close of business **March 29, 2013**. To apply or learn more, [click here](#).

Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Services Award

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) has announced the 2013 Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Services Awards. This initiative is designed to highlight successful state-run programs that are leading the way in the creative use of volunteers in the long-term services and supports network. The award is open to programs that help older adults and persons with disabilities in the long-term services and supports system. Programs must be statewide in scope and operation. Submissions will be accepted through **May 30th, 2013**. Winners will be notified in June, 2013 to prepare for formal announcement at the 2013 HCBS conference. For additional information on this funding opportunity, [click here](#).

Academic-Community Partnership Conference Series

The purpose of this grant opportunity provided by the National Institutes of Health is to bring together academic institutions/organizations and community organizations to identify opportunities for addressing health disparities through the use of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR). The objectives of meetings conducted as part of this award will be to: (1) establish and/or enhance academic-community partnerships; (2) identify community-driven research priorities and (3) develop long-term collaborative CBPR research agendas. Applications are due **October 17, 2013**. For more information, [click here](#).

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