



WEEKLY E-MAILING

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ACL News & Information

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

<https://acl.gov/>

NASUAD Information

Here is a link to state technical assistance from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/state-technical-assistance>

Dementia-Informed CDSME: Reflecting on the Experience of CDSME Workshops Including Participants Living with Early Stage Dementia

Please plan to join this webinar, "Dementia-Informed CDSME: Reflecting on the Experience of CDSME Workshops Including Participants Living with Early Stage Dementia", that will take place on June 12, 2019 at 1:00pm.

The link to register is here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3636353633016195853>

Please send any questions or comments to Savannah Butler at Savannah.butler@dars.virginia.gov

VRA Zoom Training Event

Susan Gaillard, Training Coordinator

See announcement from the Virginia Rehab Association President, William Sutton. Please help me share the information about this upcoming Zoom training event.

If you are interested in participating, please email William directly.

Have you faced a recent issue at work that left you puzzled and not sure who to tell? What did you do? How did you feel? Did you inform your supervisor? If not...why not? We're all faced with ethical challenges from time to time. It's not about what you do in these instances...it's what you don't do that counts. If you'd like to learn more about how to address these issues and more come join the VRA for an informative, interactive ethics presentation on Thursday, June 20, 2019 (11am.-2:30pm. We look forward to having you join us! Register now by contacting William Sutton (william.sutton@dars.virginia.gov) VRA recognizes the significance of continuing education and professional development. With that in mind, CRC credits will be available in accordance with the ACA Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

*****There is a \$15.00 registration cost for this training for all Non VRA Members.**

Pamela Runyon, ESQ is excited to bring her skills & talents to provide outstanding client service at BeneCounsel. As a mom of 3 children, all with different special needs, Pamela understands the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and their families. Pam is a graduate of University of Richmond School of Law where she obtained her JD. Pamela is an alumus of The Tribe in Williamsburg where she obtained her undergraduate studies degree in Business Administration. Pam has practiced law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for over 10 years.

Matt Bellinger, ESQ brings a wealth of real-world experience and a unique child-centered focus to his practice of law. As a parent of an adult-child on the Autism spectrum, he understands the challenges faced by young adults with disabilities. Matt attended undergraduate studies at the U.S. Naval Academy. Matt graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law. Matt has practiced law for over thirty years. Prior to launching BeneCounsel, served as a

Captain in the Infantry Division of the US Marines. Matt also practiced law at one of Richmond's most notable law firms Hunton and Williams, LLP.

As partners at BeneCounsel, Matt and Pam are eager to assist families by offering free, in-home consultations regarding transition planning, capacity, supported decision-making and guardianships, disability benefits planning and appeals, and special needs trusts and estate planning, and by answering as many questions as we can on a pro bono basis. For matters that are more complex in nature, BeneCounsel will advise you on your options after they conduct a thorough review of your family's unique situation and your child's abilities, challenges, and special needs. By doing so, we can bring a measure of clarity to the choices you face. Finally, as Advocates they will try to do what is best to avoid costly SSI & SSDI appeals if at all possible, but sometimes appeals are unavoidable due to the nature of the Social Security Agency and its myriad of rules and regulations. If an appeal is unavoidable, they will persuasively advocate for your child's rights.

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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: All Assessors for Public Pay Individuals: Community Services Boards (CSB)/Behavioral Health Authorities (BHA), Local Departments of Social Services, Local Departments of Health, Centers for Independent Living (CIL), and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)

FROM: Jennifer S. Lee, M.D., Director
 Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

DATE: 5/8/2019

SUBJECT: Claims for Assisted Living Facility Initial Assessments and Annual Reassessments

The purpose of this bulletin is to remind assessors of the Department of Medical Assistance Services' (DMAS) process for submitting claims for Assisted Living Facility (ALF) initial assessments and annual reassessments.

In accordance with 22VAC30-110-30, DMAS currently provides reimbursement for completion of assessments and authorization of ALF placement for public pay individuals. Assessors are reminded that all claims for ALF initial assessments and annual reassessments should be submitted electronically through the DMAS Medicaid web portal. Select "Provider Resources" and then select "Claims Direct Data Entry" (DDE). Provider registration information is available on the portal, if a provider is not registered to submit claims. For questions regarding the Virginia Medicaid Portal, please contact the Web Support Health Desk, at 1-866-352-0496 from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

The billing process for submitting claims for the initial assessments and annual reassessments has not changed. If the individual being assessed for ALF services is receiving targeted case management services through the local community services board (CSB), the annual reassessment is included in the cost of the quarterly case management fee and a separate claim should not be submitted to DMAS for processing. Local departments of social services may not bill for this function.

The procedure codes and rates for each assessment type are outlined below.

PROCEDURE CODE		RATE
S0221	Initial Assessment	\$100.00
S0220	Annual Short Reassessment	\$25.00
S0220 U1	Annual Long Reassessment	\$75.00

This bulletin does not change any process associated with the completion of initial assessments or annual reassessments for assisted living facilities. Assessors are required to maintain documentation in their files to support claims billed for the completion of initial assessments and annual reassessments. Assessment forms should not be sent to DMAS, but should be retained in the individual’s record for future audit purposes.

For additional questions, please email Brenda Hornsby, Senior Policy Analyst, at Brenda.Hornsby@dmas.virginia.gov.

Medicaid Expansion

New adult coverage begins January 1, 2019. Providers will use the same web portal and enrollment verification processes in place today to verify Medicaid expansion coverage. In ARS, individuals eligible in the Medicaid expansion covered group will be shown as “MEDICAID EXP.” If the individual is enrolled in managed care, the “MEDICAID EXP” segment will be shown as well as the managed care segment, “MED4” (Medallion 4.0), or “CCCP” (CCC Plus). Additional Medicaid expansion resources for providers can be found on the DMAS Medicaid Expansion webpage at: <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/medex>.

<u>PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION & RESOURCES</u>	
<p>Virginia Medicaid Web Portal Automated Response System (ARS) Member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorization status, and remittance advice.</p>	<p>www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov</p>
<p>Medicall (Audio Response System) Member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorization status, and remittance advice.</p>	<p>1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996</p>
<p>KEPRO Service authorization information for fee-for-service members.</p>	<p>https://dmas.kepro.com/</p>
<p>Managed Care Programs Medallion 4.0, Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus), and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). In order to be reimbursed for services provided to a managed care enrolled individual, providers must follow their respective contract with the managed care plan/PACE provider. The managed care plan may utilize different guidelines than those described for Medicaid fee-for-service individuals.</p>	
<p>Medallion 4.0</p>	<p>http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/med4</p>
<p>CCC Plus</p>	<p>http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/cccplus</p>
<p>PACE</p>	<p>http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/longtermprograms</p>
<p>Magellan Behavioral Health Behavioral Health Services Administrator, check eligibility, claim status, service limits, and service authorizations for fee-for-service members.</p>	<p>www.MagellanHealth.com/Provider For credentialing and behavioral health service information, visit: www.magellanofvirginia.com, email: VAProviderQuestions@MagellanHealth.com, or call: 1-800-424-4046</p>

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<p>Provider HELPLINE Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For provider use only, have Medicaid Provider ID Number available.</p>	<p>1-804-786-6273 1-800-552-8627</p>
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UPDATES

May 22, 2019

New Research Grant Opportunity: Technology for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

A new grant opportunity from the [National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research](#) (NIDILRR) at ACL has been announced.

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: NIDILRR seeks to fund research and development that leads to innovative technological solutions and strategies to improve the accessibility, usability, and performance of technologies designed to benefit people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The purpose of the [RERC](#) program is to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act by conducting advanced engineering research on and development of innovative technologies that are designed to solve particular rehabilitation problems or to remove environmental barriers. RERCs also demonstrate and evaluate such technologies, facilitate service delivery system changes, stimulate the production and distribution of new technologies and equipment in the private sector, and provide training opportunities.

Please visit the link above for more details about the grant opportunity and application process. **This grant opportunity closes on July 19, 2019.**

To stay current on NIDILRR grant opportunities, please visit www.grants.gov and search: **NIDILRR** or **93.433**.

Within ACL, NIDILRR works to generate new knowledge and promote its effective use to improve the abilities of individuals with disabilities to perform activities of their choice in the community; and to expand society's capacity to

provide full opportunities and accommodations for people with disabilities. NIDILRR conducts its work through grants that support research and development.

May 28, 2019

NCDMPH/ASPR Webinar: Tools to Help Care for Older Adults in Disasters

Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 2:00 PM ET

[Register for this event](#)

The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) are pleased to announce the next upcoming webinar, [Tools to Help Care for Older Adults in Disasters](#), presented by Dr. Cheryl A. Levine, Senior Advisor for At-Risk Individuals at ASPR and Kandra Strauss-Riggs, MPH, Education Director, HJF, NCDMPH/USU.

Dr. Levine will be promoting the latest Capacity-Building Toolkit for including Aging & Disability Networks in Emergency Planning, which was authored by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in collaboration with the HHS office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the HHS Administration for Community Living (ACL).

Ms. Strauss-Riggs will be promoting the Caring for Older Adults in Disasters curriculum. The purpose of this curriculum is to enable educators to teach health professionals about caring for older adults in disasters. This curriculum can be used by a wide range of health professions.

Registration

Registration is required to receive the event information. Visit the [webinar information page](#) to learn more and sign up. Dial-in instructions will be sent prior to the event start.

Link to DARS Independent Living Monthly Newsletter

Kevin Koziol, Director of Independent Living

Past issues of IL News Notes are available on the DARS
Intranet:

<https://intranet/docrepo/DARSCILDocViewer.html>