



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*July 19- [Secretary Azar Hails Court Victory for President Trump’s Healthcare Agenda](#). HHS Secretary Alex Azar issued the following statement regarding the United States District Court for the District of Columbia’s decision to uphold HHS’s regulations providing Americans with more access to affordable short-term, limited-duration insurance plans.

*July 19- [Secretary Azar Visits Iowa to Highlight Pledge to America’s Workers with Ivanka Trump and Governor Reynolds](#). As part of [Pledge to America’s Workers Month](#), HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar II participated in an employee roundtable at the Hy-Vee Helpful Smiles Technology (HST) Innovation Center in Grimes, Iowa, with Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump and Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds.

*July 22- [Keynote Remarks by Administrator Seema Verma at the Better Medicare Alliance \(BMA\) 2019 Medicare Advantage Summit](#). “Good morning – I am delighted to be here today to discuss the Trump Administration’s vision for the future of the American healthcare system. I recently had the honor to represent our nation as part of the official delegation to attend the Women’s World Cup in France. It was amazing to celebrate the incredible victory. I was so inspired by their skill and determination, and I even brought a few lessons home. Like soccer, we need government to be more hands-off. Now every time anybody dives into my office with a proposal to increase bureaucracy we’ll be handing out yellow cards. And there will be penalty kicks awarded anytime somebody tries to layer on more red tape. Red tape gets a red card.”

*July 24- [Maryland Orthopedic Practice Agrees to Provide Deaf 6-year-old a Qualified Interpreter](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), has entered into a Voluntary Resolution Agreement (VRA) with Mid-Maryland Musculoskeletal Institute (MMI). The agreement resolves a complaint alleging that MMI did not ensure effective communication with a deaf or hard of hearing patient, in violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (Section 1557). MMI is an orthopedic practice in Maryland that provides a full-range of orthopedic services, including onsite physical therapy. MMI receives Federal financial assistance

(FFA) through its participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and is subject to the requirements of Section 504 and Section 1557.

*July 25- [HHS Awards Nearly \\$42Million to Expand Health Information Technology in Health Centers Nationwide](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded almost \$42 million in funding to 49 Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCNs). These awards will enable the HCCNs to support 1,183 federally-funded health centers across all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to expand the use of health information technology (health IT). Empowering patients and promoting data sharing through health IT is an element of President Trump's vision for a healthcare system that delivers better value and better health for American patients.

Upcoming Events and Items of Interest:

*The CMS Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) is pleased to announce the following three training opportunities:

- July 25, 2019 from 12:30pm-2pmET- Webinar: Culturally Competent Direct Care: Meeting the LTSS Needs of Diverse Dually Eligible Beneficiaries.

This webinar will discuss strategies for providing direct care services with cultural sensitivity, as well as training elements for direct care workers to achieve cultural competence. Speakers will share strategies for effectively identifying and meeting beneficiaries' LTSS needs, in both institutional and community-based settings, while respecting their diverse cultural preferences. Finally, a direct care worker, along with a beneficiary, will share their firsthand experiences and recommendations on providing culturally competent direct care. This webinar is intended for a wide range of stakeholders, including frontline workers, LTSS providers and provider organizations (nursing facilities, adult daycare programs, assisted living facilities, home health care, and community-based agencies), and staff at Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans, managed LTSS plans, and consumer organizations. Registration Link: https://www.resourcesforintegratedcare.com/CulturalCompetency/2019_CC_Webinar/Direct_Care_Workforce

- July 30, 2019 11:30am-1pmET - Webinar: Diagnosing and Treating Dementia – Current Best Practices.

This interactive webinar will describe best practices and guidelines for diagnosing and assessing dementia among older adults who are dually eligible and will provide an overview of current evidence-based treatments. Speakers, including a caregiver, will discuss firsthand experiences and lessons learned, including the impact of different interventions and approaches on older adults with dementia and their caregivers. This webinar is intended for providers, health care professionals and front-line staff of Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) and PACE Organizations, as well as other stakeholders

interested in improving their ability to provide dementia capable care. Registration Link:
https://www.resourcesforintegratedcare.com/GeriatricCompetentCare/2019_GCC_Webinar/Diagnosing_and_Treating_Dementia

- July 31, 2019 2-2:30pmET- Disability-Competent Care Conversation on Access with ADA National Network. This event will focus on healthcare facility accessibility, including physical and communication barriers that may impede participants with disabilities from receiving care. Representatives from ADANN will answer your ADA and other accessibility questions. We encourage attendees to submit questions for ADANN ahead of time using any of the three options below:

1. Send an email with your questions to RIC@Lewin.com. Your personal and/or organizational information will not be shared during the live event or after.
2. Use direct message on Twitter to send your questions to @Integrate_care.
3. Complete the registration for the event and include your question in the designated textbox.

Registration Link:

https://www.resourcesforintegratedcare.com/DisabilityCompetentCare/2019_DCC_Webinar_Series/Conversation_on_Access

For more information please email partnership@cms.hhs.gov