



## VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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### ACL Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly Administration for Community Living (ACL) update:

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/eNewsletter/CurrentNewsLetter.pdf>

### NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) update:

[http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday\\_updates/friday\\_updates.html](http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday_updates/friday_updates.html)

### VCHI News: August 2013

Here is a link to the August [Virginia Health Innovation Network](#) news:

<http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=d50d336cda4062079a860f17e&id=3c91c3e7d2&e=2f6334ad59f>

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.



## Updated Outline of Medicaid LTC Coverage

*Kathy Miller, Director of Programs*

The Virginia Poverty Law Center (VPLC) has graciously shared its annual update on Medicaid coverage of Long Term Care. Please feel free to download this very helpful document for your use. Many thanks to Kathy Pryor and the VPLC!

### WHEN DOES MEDICAID PAY FOR LONG-TERM CARE?

Click the link below for the document:

<http://www.valegalaid.org/files/E095B726-FCD8-81C1-17DC-A16C7ED73FFF/attachments/B15431BA-D67C-4549-2C47-54F2BF28B04F/medicaid-ltc-outline-revised-august-2013.pdf>

## Hoarding and Housing Seminar

*Elaine Smith, Program Coordinator*

Hoarding is now a disability all of its own, according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental health. Though hoarding and the effects of it may cause housing providers to address this activity as a health and safety lease violation, because it is a disability, a housing provider has to first offer a reasonable accommodation (change in rules, policies, services, or practices, that will afford the resident equal use and enjoyment of their dwelling and property), in the form of more time to do the cleaning up to bring the dwelling up to code. Of course the knowledge of hoarding is in its infancy, but nevertheless, we need to know our rights and responsibilities. I hope that you will think about joining us at one of the sessions.

[See attached flyer.](#)

Contact Mally Dryden-Mason, DPOR, (804) 367-4873

## Upcoming VPLC Webinars on Virginia's Health Insurance Marketplace & Medicaid Eligibility

*Tim Catherman, Director, Aging Operations*

Please join VPLC's health law attorney, Jill Hanken, as she presents two webinars on very timely health care issues in Virginia: Virginia's Health Insurance Marketplace and Medicaid Eligibility changes.

To register for these upcoming webinars, please click on the following links:



Thursday, August 29, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. -

[Virginia's Health Insurance Marketplace - In the Weeds - Premium Tax Credits and Cost Sharing Reductions](#)

Friday, September 13, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. -

[Virginia Medicaid Eligibility - October 1 Changes and Update on Medicaid Expansion](#)

Please take a moment to review the accompanying email and share with family, friends and clients living with a disability. Their input will prove invaluable to future response during disaster events.

## 2013 Survey on Living with Disabilities and Disasters

*Chip Stratton, Safety and Risk Management Director and Emergency Coordination Officer*

Please take a moment to review the accompanying email (below) and share with family, friends and clients living with a disability. Their input will prove invaluable to future response during disaster events.

**From:** FEMA-Disability-Integration-Coordination

[\[mailto:FEMA-Disability-Integration-Coordination@fema.dhs.gov\]](mailto:FEMA-Disability-Integration-Coordination@fema.dhs.gov)

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 06, 2013 3:47 PM

**Subject:** Giving a voice to persons with disabilities in disaster situations

Dear Colleagues:

Marcie Roth, Director of FEMA's Office of Disability Integration and Coordination, would like to make sure your voice is heard by sharing the survey from the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) on Living with Disabilities and Disasters. UNISDR is conducting this survey to ascertain the needs of persons living with disabilities and disasters. Please take a moment to visit the link below and complete the survey; as well as forwarding to all you know would benefit by participating in the United Nations' request for information.

UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)  
2013 Survey on Living with Disabilities and Disasters

### **THIS SURVEY IS ONLY INTENDED FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

On 13 October, the UN International Day for Disaster Reduction will focus on the issues surrounding some one billion of the world's people who live with disabilities and disaster risks. These persons, by-and-large, still have no significant representation in the planning and decision-making processes to reduce these risks or build resilience. The International Day



intends to switch on and amplify the conversation that must take place on the needs of persons with disabilities in potential disaster scenarios.

Given the lack of data on disability issues generally, The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) is conducting this survey to ascertain the needs of persons living with disabilities and disasters. The International Day will further invite persons living with disabilities as well as society at large to get involved by expressing concerns, needs and recommendations on the International Day web page that can enhance implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) – the global disaster risk reduction plan that was adopted in 2005 for 10 years.

The HFA explains, describes and details what is required from all different sectors and actors to reduce disaster losses. It was developed and agreed on with governments, international agencies, disaster experts and many others. The HFA outlines five priorities for action, and offers guiding principles and practical means for achieving disaster resilience. Its goal is to substantially reduce disaster losses by 2015 by building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters.

In 2015 the HFA will complete its 10-year term. Findings from the survey and other information gathered during the observation of IDDR 13 will be used to influence the remaining two years of the Framework and as well as the post HFA consultations which began in March 2012. The goal is a post 2015 Framework that is more disability inclusive.

Click here to take the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XJFJD96>

## Prevent Illness From Food and Water After a Hurricane or Flood

*Kathy Miller, Director of Programs*

### **Prevent illness from food**

#### *Identify and throw away food that may not be safe to eat*

Throw away food that may have come in contact with flood or storm water. Throw away canned foods that are bulging, opened, or damaged. Throw away food that has an unusual odor, color, or texture. Throw away perishable foods (including meat, poultry, fish, eggs and leftovers) that have been above 40°F for 2 hours or more. Thawed food that contains ice crystals or is 40°F or below can be refrozen or cooked. If cans have come in contact with floodwater or storm water, remove the labels, wash the cans, and dip them in a solution of 1 cup (240 milliliters) of bleach in 5 gallons of water. Re-label the cans with a marker.



### *Store food safely*

While the power is out, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Add block ice or dry ice to your refrigerator if the electricity is expected to be off longer than 4 hours. Wear heavy gloves when handling ice.

### **Prevent illness from water**

#### *Listen to and follow public announcements*

Local authorities will tell you if tap water is safe to drink or to use for cooking or bathing. If the water is not safe to use, follow local instructions to use bottled water or to boil or disinfect water for cooking, cleaning, or bathing.

#### *Correctly boil or disinfect water*

Hold water at a rolling boil for 1 minute to kill bacteria. If you can't boil water, add 1/8 teaspoon (approximately 0.75 mL) of newly purchased, unscented liquid household bleach per gallon of water. Stir the water well, and let it stand for 30 minutes before you use it. You can use water-purifying tablets instead of boiling water or using bleach.

For infants, use only pre-prepared canned baby formula. Do not use powdered formulas prepared with treated water.

Disinfect children's toys that have come in contact with water. Use a solution of 1 cup of bleach in 5 gallons of water to disinfect the toys. Let toys air dry after cleaning. Some toys, such as stuffed animals and baby toys, cannot be disinfected; they should be discarded.

For more information, see [Keep Food and Water Safe after a Natural Disaster or Power Outage](#), [Prevent Illness after a Natural Disaster](#), and [Cleaning and Sanitizing With Bleach After an Emergency](#).

## HHS awards \$67 million to Navigators

*Tim Catherman, Director, Aging Operations*

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced \$67 million in grant awards to 105 Navigator grant applicants in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces. These Navigator grantees and their staff will serve as an in-person resource for Americans who want additional assistance in shopping for and enrolling in plans



in the Health Insurance Marketplace beginning this fall. Also today, HHS recognized more than 100 national organizations and businesses who have volunteered to help Americans learn about the health care coverage available in the Marketplace.

“Navigators will be among the many resources available to help consumers understand their coverage options in the Marketplace,” said Secretary Sebelius. “A network of volunteers on the ground in every state – health care providers, business leaders, faith leaders, community groups, advocates, and local elected officials – can help spread the word and encourage their neighbors to get enrolled.”

Today’s announcement builds upon the significant progress in outreach and education made this summer. Consumers can learn about and enroll in coverage later this fall through [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov). HHS launched 24-hours-a-day consumer call center ready to answer questions in 150 languages. More than 1,200 community health centers across the country are preparing to help enroll uninsured Americans in coverage, and a partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services will help trusted local libraries be a resource for consumers who want information on their options. In addition, HHS has begun training other individuals who will be providing in-person assistance, such as agents and brokers and certified application counselors.

Navigators are trained to provide unbiased information in a culturally competent manner to consumers about health insurance, the new Health Insurance Marketplaces, qualified health plans, and public programs including Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. The Navigator funding opportunity announcement was open to eligible private and public groups and people who are self-employed who met certain standards to promote effectiveness, diversity, and program integrity.

Navigators will be required to adhere to strict security and privacy standards – including how to safeguard a consumer’s personal information. They’ll be required to complete 20-30 hours of training to be certified, will take additional training throughout the year, and will renew their certification yearly. All types of enrollment assisters – including in-person assistors, Certified Application Counselors, and agents and brokers – are required to complete specific training and are subject to federal criminal penalties for violations of privacy or fraud statutes, on top of any relevant state law penalties.

Recipients marked with an asterisk (\*) are operating in more than one state. The anticipated grant amount listed in each case only applies to the amount going to that organization for that state’s specific operations.

Below are the Virginia recipients:



**Virginia Poverty Law Center, Inc.**

Anticipated grant amount: \$1,278,592

The Virginia Poverty Law Center (VPLC) is a non-profit organization that serves Virginia's legal aid system by providing advocacy, training, and litigation support on civil justice issues that affect low-income Virginians based in Richmond. It provides training and technical assistance to the legal aid community and others and works on health care issues with a wide range of statewide organization and partners. It will be working with a statewide consortium of nine well-established legal services programs in the commonwealth.

**Advanced Patient Advocacy, LLC\***

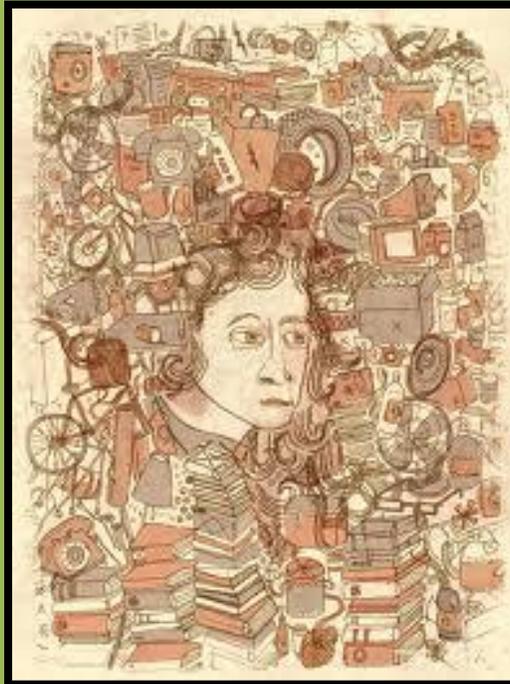
Anticipated grant amount: \$483,433

For nearly 14 years, Advanced Patient Advocacy has partnered with health care providers and state and local governments in 21 states to provide services to communities to help educate and enroll uninsured consumers. Advanced Patient Advocacy will work with medical centers to identify uninsured individuals and provide education and assistance to help them make informed decisions about enrollment in the Marketplaces.

# SAVE THE DATE IN YOUR AREA!

## **RICHMOND AREA**

Thursday,  
October 10, 2013  
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
DPOR  
9960 Mayland Drive  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference  
Center  
Richmond, VA 23233



## **HAMPTON ROADS AREA**

Wednesday,  
October 16, 2013  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Virginia Beach Central  
Library  
4100 Virginia Beach  
Boulevard  
Virginia Beach VA 23452

## **NORTHERN VIRGINIA AREA**

Wednesday,  
October 23, 2013  
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM  
The Mark Center Club  
5708 Merton Court  
Alexandria, VA 22311

During the month of October the Virginia Fair Housing Office is offering a bonus seminar in addition to its scheduled "Free Quarterly Fair Housing Seminar". Join us to learn more about dealing with residents who are possible hoarders at the

## **HOARDERS, HOARDING AND THE VIRGINIA FAIR HOUSING LAW SEMINAR**

As it is customary, our seminars are "FREE", but you must register to attend. Registration begins 30 days prior to the date of the seminar on Brown Paper Tickets:

<http://www.dpor.brownpapertickets.com/>