

FROM THE HILL

Health Reform

After amendments by the Senate to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 3590) were accepted by the House earlier last week, the health reform measure was finally signed into law (PL 111-148) by President Obama on Tuesday, March 23. On Thursday, March 25, both chambers passed the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HR 4872), a package of changes to amend the newly enacted health reform law.

On the evening of March 21st, the House voted to accept the Senate's health reform bill by a vote of 219-212, followed by a vote of 220-211 to send the reconciliation package, to the Senate for approval. In the upper chamber, the bill was met with Republican opposition, as the minority party raised many amendments and budget points of order in efforts to defeat or delay the bill. Democrats defeated nearly all of these procedural challenges, but the Senate parliamentarian ruled that two of the bills' minor provisions relating to Pell grants for low-income college students could not be considered through the budget reconciliation process. On Thursday, March 25th, the Senate acted quickly to conform the legislation to this ruling, and to successfully clear the bill by a vote of 56-43, sending it back to the House for final passage. That evening, by a vote of 220-207, the House approved the package of changes, capping a lengthy and historic policy debate and legislative process.

On Tuesday, March 30, President Obama signed the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 into law, amending the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) that he signed last week. The final health reform legislation remains largely identical to the Senate's health reform bill, with the reconciliation package, in part, restructuring the federal student loan program, increasing subsidies for premiums and cost-sharing, extending some insurance reforms to grandfathered plans, and increasing federal funding of state Medicaid programs. The amendments also change

the original law's provisions relating to closing the Medicare Doughnut hole and to reducing Medicare Advantage Payments. Additionally, the newly-signed reconciliation bill provides federal subsidies to increase Medicaid payments for primary care doctors to 100% of the Medicare payment levels for two years. •

Congress Recesses Without Extending Unemployment Programs or Enhanced FMAP

Despite House passage of a bill that included short-term extensions of unemployment programs and a Medicare physician payment fix earlier in the week, Republican concerns about offsetting the cost of the package (HR 4851) stalled passage in the Senate prior to adjourning for the spring recess, which began March 27. The legislation, which would provide one-month extensions for several government programs set to expire at the end of March, is set to be revisited on April 12 when the Senate reconvenes, and after the programs lapse. A spokesperson from CMS said the agency will try to hold onto claims until Congress returns in order to avoid the 21 percent physician pay cut.

Lawmakers were hoping the one-month extension would provide them with enough time to enact a longer-term initiative (HR 4213) before the programs would expire at the end of April. The long term extenders includes a six-month extension of the enhanced FMAP originally authorized in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (PL 111-5). Also included in the longer-term measure are more than \$30 billion in one-year extensions of popular tax breaks that lapsed at the end of 2009, as well as extensions of unemployment aid and increased Medicare physician payment fees.

The Senate did clear a short-term extension of small business loan programs this week (HR 4938), which appropriates \$40 million to extend expiring fee reductions and eliminations to a loan program managed by the Small Business Administration. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has said that after clearing a long-

term FAA extension, the next step in his jobs creation strategy will be to bring a small business jobs measure to the floor, which is currently being developed within the Senate Finance, Small Business, and Banking committees. As the Senate looks ahead to its small business legislative agenda, the House is considering a \$16.8 billion legislative effort (HR 4849) to provide assistance to small businesses and state and local governments through tax incentives and a longer extension of the Build America Bonds program than is currently authorized. •

IN WASHINGTON

Federal Hiring Event for People with Disabilities

On April 26, 2010 the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy are hosting an invitation-only daylong event to provide people with disabilities opportunities to interview with hiring managers. •

[Learn more about this event at USAJOBS.gov](http://USAJOBS.gov)

FUNDING AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Alzheimer’s Disease Supportive Services Program Projects

On March 16, 2010, Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee announced the availability of approximately \$10 million for Alzheimer’s Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) Projects. These

projects will provide the opportunity for the Administration on Aging’s nation-wide network of community-based organizations, and its partners, to strengthen their approach in providing services and supports for individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) and their caregivers.

Funding is available through two grant initiatives: “Evidence-Based Programs to Better Serve People with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders” and “Innovation Programs to Better Serve People with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders.” **Applications are due May 10, 2010.** •

[View the announcements, applications instructions and frequently asked questions](#)

Seed Grants: Develop Dementia Respite Programs or Programs for People with Early Memory Loss

The Brookdale Foundation Group will be awarding up to 40 seed grants for the development of dementia respite programs or specialized programs for people with early memory loss. Grants are \$7,500 the first year with an opportunity for a second grant of \$3,000. •

[Grant Guidelines and Applications](#)

Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving: Scholarships and Awards

Mattie J. T. Stepanek Caregiving Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial assistance to family, professional, or paraprofessional caregivers of any age who are seeking training or education in specific skills, procedures and strategies that lead to more effective care while simultaneously protecting the health and well-being of the caregiver. Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. **Applications are due June 1, 2010.** •

[For more details and to download the application form](#)

Rosalynn Carter Leadership in Caregiving Award

The award winning team will be announced at the RCI’s National Summit, scheduled to take place on October 20–22, 2010 at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. In addition to a beautiful statuette exe-

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cuted by renowned sculptor Frank Eliscu, designer of the Heisman Trophy, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter will present the winning team with a cash prize of \$20,000. This award is to be used to support the team's efforts in implementing effective caregiver interventions at the community level. **Applications are due July 1, 2010.** •

For more information and to download the application form

National Family Caregiving Awards

The National Alliance for Caregiving and MetLife Foundation are accepting applications for the 2010 National Family Caregiving Awards Program. In its fifth and final year, the program is intended to improve the quality of life of family caregivers by recognizing and supporting the important work of community agencies and other organizations that support family caregivers as a significant part of their mission. Each award will carry a cash value of \$20,000 that will be designated for use in the awardee's caregiver program.

Award categories include: Caregiver Education, Caregiver Support, Older Caregivers Caring for Adult Children with Disabilities, Alzheimer's Recognitions, and Cultural Diversity Recognition. Awards will be presented at a luncheon ceremony held at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging's 35th Annual Conference and Tradeshow in St. Louis, Missouri on July 20, 2010. **Applications are due May 7, 2010.** •

For More Information and Application Guidelines

IN THE STATES

Six More States Receive Federal Matching Funds for Electronic Health Record Incentives Program

March 24, 2010, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) announced the award of additional matching funds for state planning activities necessary to implement the electronic health record (EHR) incentive program. The six recipient states of Colorado, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming join 27 other states and territories in using Electronic Health Records to improve the quality and efficiency of health care for the citizens of their states. •

View the Press Releases

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2010 Census— "March to the Mailbox"

On Saturday, April 10, the 2010 Census National Partnership Program is recruiting thousands of volunteers to actively encourage the public to mail back their 2010 Census questionnaire. Activities such as parades, marches, walks, rallies and motorcades are planned in approximately 6,000 low-responding census tract areas located in communities throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Please spread the word about "March to the Mailbox" through your own distribution channels. •

For More Information see the "March to the Mailbox" Partner Toolkit

National Cancer Institute 8th Annual Survivorship Series: Living With, Through & Beyond Cancer

This is a free event, made possible by support from the National Cancer Institute and LIVESTRONG. The series will provide cancer survivors, their families, friends and health care professionals with practical information to help survivors cope with concerns and issues that arise after treatment ends. •

To Register, or for More Information

Census Bureau to Develop a new Supplemental Poverty Measure

The Census Bureau is in the process of developing a new supplemental poverty measure (SPM), scheduled to be formally unveiled in the fall of 2011. This new measure will serve as an extension of the current formula, and will include additional criteria, such as tax payments and work expenses, to more accurately determine a family's resources. The current poverty measure, which compares a household's money income against a threshold to measure poverty, has been in use since the 1960s. •

To learn more, read the Census Bureau's document, "Observations from the Interagency Technical Working Group on Developing a Supplemental Poverty Measure"

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE***Silver Alert Initiatives in the States: Protecting Seniors with Cognitive Impairments***

In March 2009, NASUA released a report identifying which states have a Silver Alert program in place, along with how the programs are funded and administered. The report revealed that 18 states operate a Silver Alert program, 14 states have pending authorizing legislation, and another 18 states did not have any such program or legislation. Several states have implemented Silver Alert programs since NASUA's last report. •

[Read the Report](#)

Updated Exercise and Physical Activity Tips for Older Adults

The National Institutes of Health's Senior Health Web site has updated its online guide, *Exercise and Physical Activity for Older Adults*. The book offers sample exercise from four categories of physical activity recommended for older adults, along with colorful images, and easy-to-follow instructions describing how to do each exercise safely and effectively. •

[Access the Online-Guide](#)

"Improving the Lives of LGBT Older Adults"

On March 17, 2010, Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders (SAGE) released a groundbreaking report examining the issues facing LGBT older adults and outlining policy recommendations for those who want to help transform this landscape. •

[Learn More and Read the Report](#)

Online Training and Resource Guide for HCBS Waiver Case Managers

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), in collaboration with the Muskie School of Public Service, has developed two new resources to connect the work of HCBS waiver case managers with quality provisions of federal assurances.

Online Training:

This training is an approximately 90-minute tutorial intended for case managers and their supervisors on HCBS waiver basics and federal assurances. It includes a narrative curriculum, case studies with video vignettes, knowledge checks, and reflective exercises to help participants apply general knowledge to the specific requirements of individual HCBS waivers and states.

Resource Guide for Trainers:

In addition to access by individuals to the online learning module, the Resource Guide supports both states and case management provider agencies wishing to conduct in-person training programs. This tool provides instructions, power point slides, tips and other resources to facilitate in-person training. •

[Access these Resources](#)

"Options for Integrating Care for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries"

On March 9, 2010, the SCAN Foundation released a new document developed by the Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc., which summarizes four options to integrate care for Medicare and Medicaid dual eligibles. This tool was designed to support discussions around California's 1115 Medicaid waiver development, but can serve as a reference for other states looking to integrate their Medicare and Medicaid services. •

[Read the Document](#)

Issue Brief: "Deputizing Community-Based Organizations"

In March 2010, the National Council on Aging's National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment released an issue brief titled "Deputizing Community-Based Organizations." According to this issue brief, community-based organizations can assist eligible beneficiaries in accessing and retaining public benefits by collaborating with state eligibility determination agencies to: submit applications; troubleshoot problems; and ensure that clients understand, use, and retain their benefits. You can access this issue brief by visiting [http://www.centerforbenefits.org/NCBOEIssueBrief\(Deputization\).pdf](http://www.centerforbenefits.org/NCBOEIssueBrief(Deputization).pdf). •

[Read the Issue Brief](#)



Online Application for Medicare Benefits

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has unveiled its newest online service, an application for Medicare benefits. This new online application, which takes less than ten minutes to complete, is for people at least 64 years and 8 months old who want to sign up for Medicare, but do not want to start receiving Social Security benefits in the next four months. It is a convenient alternative to visiting a local Social Security office or waiting for an appointment with a Social Security representative. To access the online program, go to www.ssa.gov and click on “Applying Online for Retirement/Medicare benefits.” You need to answer a series of questions, and links are provided for additional information. Social Security officials say that for most people the process takes about 15 minutes.

In the Social Security Administration’s efforts to promote the use of online applications for Medicare and other services, it joined the award-winning actress Patty Duke

and the cast of her hit 1960s sitcom, *The Patty Duke Show*, to create a new public service announcement, which you can view here: www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly. •

For more information about applying for Medicare only and delaying retirement benefits, visit *Applying for Medicare Only—Before You Decide*.

Pocket Guide for Medication Technicians

Americans are living longer and enjoying a higher quality of life, in part due to advances in pharmacology. The typical assisted living resident takes eight to ten different drugs each day, while a typical nursing home resident may take as many as twelve to fourteen. While there are benefits to modern drugs, there are also complexities that bring opportunities for administration and dosing errors, side effects and drug interactions. The need for medication assistance has become a critical service in assisted living and nursing homes.

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In response, the Center for Excellence in Assisted Living (CEAL) joined with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists and MED-PASS, Inc., to develop an easy-to-understand pocket guide for medication technicians (aides) who provide medication assistance to residents in assisted living and nursing homes. States are encouraged to share the following information regarding a new guide for medication administration. The guide was developed to assist long-term care facility staff but could also be helpful in the home and community based services field. Please share this tool with providers, area agencies on aging, and others who may be administering medication to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Pocket Guide Features

- Do's and Don't's for Medication Assistance
- Step-by-step procedures for administering medications
- Abbreviations for medication forms and administration
- Guide for determining level and type of pain
- Information on medication side effects
- List of symptoms for common and uncommon medication interactions

Pocket Guide Purpose

- Minimize medication error
- Improve resident outcomes

[View a detailed Table of Contents and access an order form](#)

Analysis: Informal Caregiving by and for Older Adults

In this analysis, Drs. Donna Wagner and Emiko Takagi of Towson University review data from the new national caregiver survey, *Caregiving in the U.S.* (National Alliance for Caregiving, NAC, in collaboration with AARP), to examine trends and key findings for caregivers of persons 50+, with an emphasis on the older caregivers themselves. The authors also make comparisons with the 1997 and 2004 joint NAC/AARP surveys. Key findings include: the percentage of older caregivers caring for individuals 85+ has increased; parent care is the primary caregiving situation for those caregivers 50-64 years of age; and while caring for a spouse is still the most common situation for caregivers 75+, many caregivers now report caring for friends, neighbors, parents and siblings as well. •

[To learn more, read this analysis on the Health Affairs Blog](#)



OMBUDSMAN CORNER

From April 17th to the 20th, 2010, Long-Term Care Ombudsman from many states will arrive in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the Annual State Long-Term Care Ombudsman National Training Conference. The conference provides an opportunity for State Ombudsman and their staff to share best practices, talk about challenges, gain knowledge and strengthen their resource network. New State LTC Ombudsman are invited to attend a training on how to manage their statewide programs, and all of the conference attendees will benefit from workshops and sessions that focus on caregiving, collaboration with other agencies, communication, state plans, national policy issues, NORS reporting, rebalancing and expanding home and community based services, national policy issues, resident directed care, and individual and systemic advocacy. U.S. Assistant Secretary on Aging, Kathy Greenlee, will speak during a plenary luncheon on Monday, April 19th. Additionally, NASUA's Senior Policy Advisor, Deborah Merrill, will be at the conference as both an attendee and presenter; she will report about this event in next month's newsletter. •

I & R CORNER

Role of I&R/A Professionals: Moving Forward

Information and Referral/Assistance (I&R/A) professionals play a significant role in assisting consumers who are attempting to secure long-term services and supports. Increasingly, these services are of particular interest to adult children living far away from their aging parents, but who nevertheless remain responsible for obtaining medical services for mom and dad; albeit from a distance. That is, the average adult child does not know how, or where, to begin the process of locating services and supports for his or her aging parents; repeated, unfruitful attempts to do so often lead the adult child to seek assistance from an I&R/A professional.

Additionally, as the health and human services field shifts from an emphasis on institutionalization to a focus on assisting seniors and persons with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities, the guidance available from I&R/A professionals remains vital. The importance of information assistance and referral is highlighted by recent AoA grant awards, such as the \$11 million awarded to states in September 2009 for the development or expansion of ADRCs, and the March 2010 grant awards to states for Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs.

Thus, as the health and social concerns of consumers continue to shift, I&R/A professionals must be proactive and responsive in order to best meet these changing needs. To do so effectively, I&R/A professionals can take a variety of approaches, including: reaching out to discharge planners at hospitals and rehabilitation facilities, educating providers about the long-term supports and services available to seniors and persons with disabilities wishing to remain in their communities, and working to forge partnerships with ADRCs to streamline resources.

Whether you are an I&R/A professional continuing to perform your duties, or a consumer seeking to obtain long-term services and supports for yourself or someone else, or a provider, or other partner in the aging network, please let me know how I can best assist you through our resources at NASUA's National Aging Information & Referral Support Center. I can be reached at jthompson@nasua.org or 202-898-2578. •

SCSEP CORNER

Website

As a part of NASUA's ongoing efforts to support the State's Senior Community Service Employment Programs (SCSEP), NASUA has added a new SCSEP section to our website. Please view the new page at <http://nasua.org/initiatives/scsep.html>. Please check here for any important information and updates concerning the SCSEP program or contact Kelsey Walter at kwalter@nasua.org. •

USA Today Letter to the Editor

In response to an article written by Matt Kelley entitled, "Tracking the stimulus: Some jobs cost more to create than others," found in the February 25th, 2010 edition of USA Today (http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2010-02-24-stim-jobs_N.htm), NASUA's Executive Director, Martha Roherty, submitted a **Letter to the Editor of USA Today**. This letter outlines the importance of the SCSEP program in the lives of older workers. •

TASC CORNER

Technical Assistance

On March 24, NASUA and the Administration on Aging (AoA) hosted a call for the fifteen states with State Plans on Aging due for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2011. The purpose of the call was to provide these states

with direct technical assistance on issues of interest or importance, and to address any concerns from the states about the state plan document and the planning process. The call was expertly guided by staff members from AoA's national office, with representatives from AoA's regional offices and NASUA staff members also participating. The information provided to the states was narrowly tailored to address specific planning considerations, such as clarification on AoA's Fiscal Year 2011 Program Instructions, utilization of the TASC Planning Zone, and coordination with AoA's new ADRC plan requirement. As you work to implement a strategic plan of your own, NASUA hopes you will find the resources on the TASC Planning Zone useful, and we invite you to visit the site, which includes summaries from the monthly planning calls, by following this link: <http://www.nasua.org/tasc/index.html>. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for improvement, please contact Lindsey Copeland at lcopeland@nasua.org, or by phone at 202-898-2578. •

2010 Aging in America Conference

From March 15–19, the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and the American Society on Aging (ASA) hosted the 2010 Aging in America Conference in Chicago, Illinois. NASUA welcomed the opportunity to attend this conference, and to interact with many local, state and national members of the aging network. While in Chicago, NASUA staff was fortunate to attend several events featuring high-profile leaders and aging network advocates, including the conference's opening remarks by U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Regina Benjamin, and sessions featuring U.S. Assistant Secretary on Aging, Kathy Greenlee, as well as a keynote speech given by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius.

In addition to attending such memorable sessions, NASUA participated in several workshops throughout the week, including one titled, "The Aging Network's Workforce: Retooling to Meet the Needs of Older Americans in the 21st Century." This session began with informative presentations from Valerie Cook of AoA and Abby Morgan of n4a, in which they described the current status and projected needs of the aging network's workforce. After the presentations, NASUA's Policy Associate, Lindsey Copeland was joined on a panel by Kathy Kuhn, the Director of Workforce Development at the Institute for Geriatric Social Work and Steve Dawson, President of PHI. The panel members presented the audience with information about approaches and strategies for providing necessary workforce training, as well as descriptions of the necessary steps for implementing recruitment and retention modules to further increase the adaptability of the aging network.

Building upon the workshop's goal of portraying the workforce as it currently exists in order to enhance its efficacy in the future, NASUA discussed the realities of the workforce from the perspective of state units on aging, based on information gathered by NASUA in its fifth Economic Downturn Survey, completed by state units in the fall of 2009. The data NASUA collected from states, and subsequently presented at the conference, highlights, in part, the effect of the economy on the ability, or lack thereof, of states to retain and hire workers in this increasingly difficult fiscal reality. Specifically, the dramatic, and often cumulative, state budget reductions continue to result in restructuring at the state unit level, and in severe programmatic and workforce cuts within the network. To learn more about the challenges of state units on aging in these uncertain economic times, we encourage you to access NASUA's more thorough analysis, *The Economic Crisis and Its Impact on State Aging Programs* by following this link: http://www.nasua.org/resources/documents/TheEconomicCrisisandItsImpactonStateAgingPrograms11.2009_000.pdf. •

MIPPA CORNER

Benefits Coordination and Collaboration

On March 17, at the 2010 Aging in America conference hosted by NCOA and ASA, NASUA had the pleasure of participating in a daylong public benefits session sponsored by NCOA's National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment, titled "Moving the Needle Forward: Coordinating Public Benefits at the Federal, State and Local Levels."

The focus of this seminar was to inform the aging network about what federal agencies, states, and local organizations are currently doing to collaborate, coordinate, and help consumers better access public benefits. Two of the day's sessions were of particular importance to states: "Federal Strategies—Benefits Coordination and Collaboration among Federal Agencies," and "State Strategies—Benefits Coordination and Collaboration among State Agencies."

At the federal strategies session, five agencies were represented: Administration on Aging (AoA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Social Security Administration (SSA), and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Generally, the panelists spoke of the government's need to work across different agencies. In particular, the group mentioned the Obama Administration's enhanced efforts to share information both across different agencies and with the



general public. Specific examples of federal coordination and collaboration were mentioned, including the SSA working with the Veterans Administration to coordinate and streamline benefits for injured veterans, the USDA working with a state to streamline Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications, and regional meetings with senior governmental staff from several agencies.

At the state strategies session, NASUA, represented by Rex O'Rourke, was joined by Anne Smith from Maine Legal Services for the Elderly, and by Kate Birnbryer White from Elder Law of Michigan. NASUA used this opportunity to explain the outreach efforts states are making during the economic crisis by highlighting the innovative approaches of New Jersey, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. First, New Jersey, through its state-funded pharmacy benefits program, has increased enrollment for certain public benefit programs by developing a Universal Form that allows an eligible beneficiary to enroll in multiple programs at once. Second, Pennsylvania's SHIP and expert facilitator has helped enhance the networks capacity by providing training to different government and non-government entities. Third, looking ahead, Georgia is in the development phase of constructing a Medicaid Portal for SHIP staff to access an individual's Medicaid information during a counseling session.

States are doing an amazing job in reaching out to beneficiaries in creative and effective ways during a difficult economic time. NASUA is committed to working with states to develop and highlight best practices that capitalize on existing networks and maximize results. If you have any comments or would to share your state's innovation, please contact Rex O'Rourke by email at rorourke@nasua.org or by phone at (202) 898-2578. •

CALLS AND WORKSHOPS

Conference Calls: National Alzheimer's Contact Center and the Eldercare Locator

The Administration on Aging (AoA), the Alzheimer's Association and the Eldercare Locator are partnering to promote a series of conference calls highlighting the tools available through the National Alzheimer's Contact Center and the Eldercare Locator.

To participate in a call, please RSVP to Amy Wiatr at amy.wiatr@aoa.hhs.gov with your name and date of the session you wish to join to ensure the appropriate number of call-in lines are available. Since each call will adhere to the same basic outline and provide a guided tour of on-line tools, as well as a brief overview and ideas for collaborations with the National Alzheimer's Contact Center and the Eldercare Locator, please arrange to be at a computer with internet access to the www.alz.org and www.eldercare.gov websites. •

Dial-in number:866-875-1844
 Passcode:871 7102

Tuesday, April 62:30 – 4 p.m. EST
 Tuesday, April 272:30 – 4 p.m. EST
 Wednesday, April 72:30 – 4 p.m. EST
 Tuesday, April 276 – 7:30 p.m. EST

Upcoming Events

I&R Training and Education Conference

Informing Long-Term Care Choice (MDS 3.0 Section Q)

April 16, 2010

Baltimore, Maryland
Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore

The training is intended to assist states, local agencies and nursing facilities by increasing their knowledge of Section Q (Return to Community Referral), and to understand the challenges and issues involved in implementing Section Q, while also preparing for the implementation of MDS 3.0 on October 1, 2010.

[Click here to register](#)

Kansas Senior Summit 2010: The Future of Long-Term Care

Kansas Department on Aging and Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association

May 6, 2010

Maner Conference Center
Topeka, Kansas

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

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS)

May 23rd–May 26th, 2010

Rochester, New York

[Click here for more information](#)

NASUA Older Americans Act Reauthorization Policy Forum

National Association of State Units on Aging

June 27th–June 29th, 2010

The Westin Hotel
Washington, DC

[Click here for more information](#)



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November 16, 2010

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**Send information about your upcoming conferences to be included in our newsletter to kwalter@nasua.org*



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