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ACL News & Information

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

<https://acl.gov/>

ADvancing States (NASUAD) Information

Here is a link to state technical assistance from ADvancing States:

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

Reimbursement for COVID Services under Emergency Medicaid after the End of the Federal Public Health Emergency

Kathy B. Miller, Director of Aging Programs

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Bulletin Effective Date: April 25, 2023, 10:54AM

To: All Providers, Contractors, and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Participating in the Virginia Medicaid and FAMIS Programs

From: Cheryl J. Roberts, Director Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers that automatic coverage for COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and/or treatment for individuals covered by Emergency Medicaid - as stipulated by Virginia Acts of Assembly 2021 Special Session I, Chapter 476 (HB 2124) - will end on May 11, 2023, due to the end of the COVID-19 federal public health emergency. Prior to the above-referenced legislative requirement, COVID testing, vaccination and/or treatment services were reimbursed only if those services were provided as part of an episode of care that qualified for DMAS reimbursement under Emergency Medicaid. Effective March 23, 2022, COVID-related services could be reimbursed regardless of whether an episode of care qualified for DMAS reimbursement under Emergency Medicaid, as described in a [Bulletin](#) published November 3, 2022. Effective May 11, 2023, COVID testing, vaccination and/or treatment services will be reimbursed only if those services are provided as part of an episode of care that qualifies for DMAS reimbursement under Emergency Medicaid.

<https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/bulletin/reimbursement-covid-services-under-emergency-medicaid-after-end-federal-public-health>

2023 Commonwealth Council on Aging Best Practices Awards

Charlotte Arbogast, MS, Senior Policy Analyst/Regulatory Coordinator

The Commonwealth Council on Aging recently awarded three outstanding programs recognition and monetary awards. Since 2006, the council has sought to highlight unique and proven programs with generous funding provided by Dominion Energy. This year, Virginia AARP also generously donated funds to provide to the top three winning programs.

Below is a link to the press release about the 2023 awards.

<https://vda.virginia.gov/CCOA2023/CCOA%20Best%20Practices%20News%20Release%20FINAL%205.5.23.pdf>

CMS Announces New SSI and Spousal Impoverishment Standards

Kathy B. Miller, Director of Aging Programs

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Thursday afternoon announced updated standards for Medicaid financial eligibility for married individuals seeking coverage of certain long-term services and supports (LTSS).

[Informational Bulletin: 2023 SSI and Spousal Impoverishment Standards](#)

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2023

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Support



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15, 2023

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Virtual Training Event

Join VCU Health, Project Empower, the Abuse in Later Life Project at the Virginia Center on Aging and our group of expert trainers for a half day training event for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: [Register now](#). Cases of elder abuse have been on the rise in Virginia, and our event speakers bring crucial knowledge and information on successfully identifying, investigating and pursuing justice and access to resources for elders.

Topics include:

- Forensic Indicators and Exploitation
 - Undue Influence: Power of Attorney, Guardianship, and More

[Click here to register](#)

Check out the flier [here](#)

Event speakers:



Reed Bohn

Project Empower



Beth Bonniwell

Henrico Police
DV Coordinator



Jean Cheek

VCUHS Forensic
Nurse Examiner Team



Victor Little

Richmond APS



Courtney O'Hara

Abuse in Later Life
Project



Erica Wood

Virginia Supreme
Court's W.I.N.G.S.

Please [register today](#) -- we look forward to coming together on June 15 for this important event.



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