



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

**CCD Long Term Services and Supports Task Force
2011 Annual Report**

2011 Issues

Affordable Care Act Implementation

The Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Task Force continued to focus on the implementation of the LTSS components of the Affordable Care Act through advocacy with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Disability, Administration on Aging, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) especially focused on the Community Living Assistance Services and Support (CLASS) program, the Community First Choice Option, Balanced Incentive Payments, Section 2402(a) HCBS provision, and other LTSS options.

Medicaid and Deficit Reduction

The Task Force tracked much of the development in Congress around addressing the federal deficit as it related to Medicaid. Working in conjunction with other CCD Task Forces, the LTSS Task Force advocated with Congress and the Administration to ensure that people with disabilities were not hurt by any proposed changes or cuts to Medicaid considered during the deficit reduction debate. Activities included sign-on letters and many Hill visits. Task Force members, along with others in CCD, met with Super Committee Members and staff, educating them and other Members of Congress and their staffs about the impact of specific proposals on people with disabilities.

Other Issues

Proposed Regulation - The LTSS Task Force responded to CMS notices of proposed rulemaking related to the Affordable Care Act including the Community First Choice option proposed rule and worked in collaboration with the Health Task Force regarding Medicaid expansion (MAGI), EHB, and Exchange rules. In addition, the Task Force created opportunities for members to discuss other proposed regulations, such as the definition of home and community and Assuring Access to Covered Medicaid Services where there was not specific CCD consensus, encouraging organizations to respond individually.

State Managed Long Term Service Waiver Changes—The Task Force tracked issues of state proposed changes to their HCBS waivers, especially those states proposing to move state LTSS services into Managed Care. This is an evolving issue, which will continue to stay on the Task Force agenda.

Health Homes and Dual Eligibles—The Task Force discussed and tracked CMS implementation of these additional ACA provisions addressing new models of integrated financing and delivery system that include Medicaid LTSS services.

Anticipated 2012 Issues

In 2012, the Task Force will focus on the following issues and activities:

- Addressing possible Medicaid proposals to cut or make structural changes to the program that would hurt people with disabilities;
- Encouraging implementation of the Affordable Care Act LTSS programs;
- Responding to proposed regulations from CMS;
- Monitoring state efforts to save money through comprehensive changes to Medicaid LTSS including managed care, health homes, dual eligibles, and other integrated financing and delivery system models; and
- Advocating with the Administration around community living within HHS and across departments.

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