



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD Long-term Services and Supports Task Force
2014 Annual Report**

2014 ACTIVITIES

- **CMS Home- and Community-based Services Regulation:** The CCD Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) Task Force monitored a regulation released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in January defining home- and community-based services (HCBS) for Medicaid 1915(c), (i) and (k) that will eventually be used across the Medicaid program. This work included hosting high level CMS staff at a meeting for a Q&A session, repeated interaction with CMS as we sought to interpret the regulation and some CCD LTSS organizations creating a website resource portal for the regulation to assist state affiliates and stakeholders in implementing the regulation in a manner that protects LTSS services for Medicaid beneficiaries.
- **National Quality Forum:** The CCD LTSS Task Force continued to monitor the work of the National Quality Forum (NQF), largely through Clarke Ross's representation on NQF's Workgroup on Persons Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, as well as liaison to the NQF workgroup on post-acute care and long-term care (PAC-LTC) and member of the population health committee. In December, the LTSS Task Force sent a letter endorsing a slate of nominees who live with a disability and/or have disability-related expertise to NQF's new HCBS Quality Measures Task Force.
- **DOL Companionship Regulation:** The CCD LTSS Task Force monitored the Department of Labor's companionship regulation including its recent delayed enforcement date and a recent Department of Justice – Department of Health and Human Services joint letter about the intersection of *Olmstead* with the regulation.
- **Legislative Activity:** The CCD LTSS Task Force supported legislation through letters of support and Hill visits to improve LTSS for people with disabilities, including the Community Integration Act and the Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act.
- **Coalitions:** The Task Force worked with the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO) on follow up to the Long-Term Care Commission report and (along with the CCD Health Task Force) response to Senator Wyden's Better Care Lower Cost Act.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Educate the new Congress about the LTSS needs of people with disabilities through Hill visits, make congressional offices aware that the CCD LTSS is a resource for them and attempt to identify new LTSS champions on Capitol Hill.

- Part of this work will be continuing to work with the LCAO on joint policy recommendations stemming from the Long-term Care Commission.
- With LCAO and other CCD Task Forces including the Health Task Force, meet with, better understand the bill's implication on people with disabilities and monitor Senator Wyden's Better Care, Lower Cost Act which would create a new voluntary enrollment healthcare program capitating Parts A, B and D and allowing states to integrate waiver populations.
 - Continue to monitor both the HCBS and companionship regulations and their impact on people with disabilities.
 - Continue to monitor and participate in activities of NQF including its new HCBS workgroup.
 - Continue to support passage of the Ensuring Access to Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act so that people with significant disabilities have better access to medically necessary complex rehab technology that help keep them independent.
 - Continue to learn about the Partnership for Medicaid Quality, a comprehensive policy proposal creating mandatory quality measures for states to report on.
 - Watch for, analyze and possibly comment on a Medicaid managed care regulation expected in 2015; this would likely be done jointly with the Health Task Force.

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