

Notices, Announcements, & Reminders!

CMS PROPOSES RULES ... open for public comment

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) addressing the definition of a home and community based setting, as well as proposing to give states the option to serve any combination of the existing three waiver targeting groups in one Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. The proposed rules also address a number of other topics related to 1915 (c) waivers, including expectations regarding person-centered plans of care, the timing of amendments and public input requirements when states propose modifications to HCBS waiver programs and service rates, and asking for input on additional strategies available to CMS to ensure state compliance with the statutory provisions of section 1915(c) of the Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments on the rule are due June 14th. NASDDDS is preparing comments for submission.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED RULE

The proposed rule is available at
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-9116.pdf>

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Division sent out a memorandum on February 16, 2011 regarding some revisions made to the Medication Assistance Policy pertaining to the *Medication Assistance Trainer* requirements. Please make sure the MAT Trainers in your organization are complying with the new requirements. The [Medication Assistance](#) standards and policy have been updated and are on our website. Be sure to view the [MAT training schedule](#) posted to our website if you need to get recertified!

DD ADVISORY COUNCIL INFORMATION

DD Advisory Council needs your help! We are looking for people to fill vacancies on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (Council). The Council's purpose is to advise the Division staff on formulating and amending rules, policies, and procedure relating to Division programs and activities. We are currently looking for representation from the following groups:

- ✓ Legal representatives of a person with developmental disabilities or acquired brain injury or Self-Advocate
- ✓ Provider of early intervention services

PROPOSED DDD WAIVER AMENDMENTS... open for public comment

The Adult Developmental Disabilities (DD), Child DD, and Acquired Brain Injury Waiver provide funding for services for people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries. The Waiver application is being amended and is being presented for a period of public review from May 27, 2011 through June 25, 2011. The amendments clarify how relatives, including parents for some services, may be reimbursed for providing services to their relatives who are on the waivers administered by the DD Division. Some waiver service definitions and provider types will be modified in response to House Enrolled Act 91 (HEA 91), which was passed in the 2011 Wyoming Legislative Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be accepted from May 27, 2011 through June 25, 2011. Input may be submitted via mail to: Jamie Staunton, Policy and Research Analyst, Wyoming Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 186C, Cheyenne, WY 82002; e-mail jamie.staunton@health.wyo.gov; or fax (307) 777-6047.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments can be viewed on the Wyoming Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division website at
<http://www.health.wyo.gov/ddd/memos.html>

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR WYOMING TAX REFUND PROGRAM

Wyoming residents who may qualify for the Wyoming Department of Health Tax Refund for Elderly & Disabled Program shall submit applications by August 31.

"Many older and disabled people in Wyoming could use the extra financial help this program can provide," said Donna Di Nino, Tax Refund for Elderly & Disabled Program manager. "We encourage people who think they may be eligible to apply."

Those eligible, by statute, are individuals 65 years of age or older, or 18 years of age or older and 100 percent disabled for one full year prior to the applica-

- ✓ Provider of DD or ABI services

Applications for the Council are accepted at any time and will be kept on file for a two (2) year period. If you are interested in being part of the Council, please visit the our website at <http://www.health.wyo.gov/ddd/ddadvisorycouncilhome.html> and download the application packet. The packet contains more information about the Council and where to send the application. If you have any questions on the application or the Council itself, email us at: ddadvisorycouncil@health.wyo.gov.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Please pass the email to staff, participants, family and stakeholders!

tion date. Income limits, based on 2010 income, are \$17,500 for single individuals and \$28,500 for married couples. Refund amounts are based on actual income with the maximum benefit for a qualified single person currently set at \$800 and \$900 for qualified married couples.

Applications must be postmarked by August 31. Eligibility is determined by the Wyoming Department of Health and checks are mailed for qualified applicants by December 20.

Local senior centers around Wyoming have applications and details about the refund program. More information is also available from the Wyoming Department of Health by calling 1-866-989-8901 or online at <http://health.wyo.gov/main/tred.html>.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Wyoming Primary Care Association (WYPCA) announcement:

One Health Voice
IMPROVING WYOMING'S HEALTH CARE ACCESS
2011 WYOMING HEALTH CARE SYMPOSIUM

2011 Wyoming Health Care Symposium
September 12-13, 2011 at Ramada Plaza Riverside in Casper

Providing a full day and a half of speakers, information, and networking in Casper.

Please visit the symposium website at www.OneHealthVoice.com for more information. [Download this Save the Date](#)

About the 2011 Wyoming Health Care Symposium

The Wyoming Primary Care Association (WYPCA) mission is to educate about Wyoming's health care delivery system as it relates to the newly adopted Affordable Care Act, and to develop innovative changes to the health care system in Wyoming through the engagement of stakeholders and local community members across the Equality State. They hope to attract over 100 professionals from across the state that are impacted by the new law, including policymakers, governmental administrators and program managers, health directors, health professionals and health educators, physicians, small business owners, human resource and employee benefits managers from the private sector, and insurers.

Key presenters include, but are not limited to:

- T.R. Reid, bestselling author and former correspondent for the Washington Post and commentator for National Public Radio;
- Lynn Quincy, Consumers Union (Non-profit Publisher of Consumer Reports);
- National Health Care and You Coalition;
- David Woodmansee, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Government Relations; and
- Various statewide and regional presenters with expertise in the financial, clinical, and social aspects of the Affordable Care Act.