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The NRI Newsletter is a bi-monthly publication that brings together news and events relevant to our stakeholders of the public behavioral health system.

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SPOTLIGHT

Register Now for the Older Adults Olmstead Learning Community's Free Webinar

On **November 30 at 1:00 pm ET**, the Older Adults Olmstead Learning Community will host a FREE webinar, *Meeting the Olmstead Integration Mandate for Community Integration for Older Adults*. Kelly Bagby from the AARP Litigation Foundation will discuss key issues such as best practices, 1115 waivers, person-centered services, and medication issues for persons with dementia. She will also talk about transition services for older adults. [Learn more.](#)

STATE NEWS

Michigan Medicaid removes 20-visit limit on psychotherapy

On Oct. 1, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) removed the state's 20-visit annual limit on psychotherapy services for Medicaid patients. [Read more.](#)

New CMS Guidelines to Expedite Approval of 1115 Waivers and State Plan Amendments

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is seeking to improve the 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver process to facilitate expedited approval of demonstrations. [Learn more.](#)

CMS to Improve 1115 Demonstration, State Plan Amendments (SPAs), & 1915 Waiver Processes

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is developing a four-pronged approach to increase transparency, enhance efficiency, reduce burden and address a backlog of SPAs on hold. [Read more.](#)

Utah to Receive Additional Medicaid Funding for Opioid Treatment

The federal Health and Human Services Department has approved Utah's long-requested Medicaid waiver — a plan that will provide health coverage for about 6,000 poor adults without children. [Read more.](#)

RESEARCH

NIH Establishes New Research in Social Epigenomics to Address Health Disparities

The National Institutes of Health will award 10 grants to support social epigenomics research in health

disparities. [Learn more.](#)

Higher brain glucose levels may mean more severe Alzheimer's Disease

NIH study finds potential connections between problems with how the brain processes glucose and Alzheimer's disease pathology and symptoms. [Read more.](#)

QuickStats: Percentage of Children and Teens Aged 6–17 Years Who Missed >10 Days of School in the Past 12 Months Because of Illness or Injury, by Serious Emotional or Behavioral Difficulties Status and Age Group

During 2014–2016, children aged 6–17 years whose parent or guardian indicated the child had serious emotional or behavioral difficulties (EBDs) were almost four times as likely to miss more than 10 days of school because of illness or injury compared with children without serious EBDs. Among children with serious EBDs, those aged six to 10 years were less likely to miss more than 10 days of school compared with children aged 11 to 14 years and children aged 15 to 17 years. [Learn more.](#)

Opioid Reports

CDC has prepared this 17 year online compilation of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports, which provides information on a variety of opioid-related topics such as trends, prevalence, incidence, and prescribing practices. [Read more.](#)

FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

NOVEMBER 30: Billing For Behavioral Health: Top Five Issues Facing Agencies In 2018

Join The Echo Group's Senior Knowledge Engineer, Suki Norris, to discuss the upcoming changes and challenges for behavioral health billing in 2018. [Register now.](#)

NOVEMBER 30: Zero Suicide Approach for Crisis Centers

During this webcast, panelists will show how crisis centers are exceptionally positioned to offer essential gap-filling services like evidence-based follow-up care. [Register now.](#)

DECEMBER 13: Evidence-Based Synthesis: Intervention to Support Caregivers or Families of Patients with TBI, PTSD, Polytrauma

This VA webinar will review findings from a synthesis of literature evaluating the effects of family caregiving support programs for individuals with TBI, PTSD, or polytrauma. [Register Now.](#)

HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS OF INTEREST

[High Unemployment Rates Linked To Increased Rates Of Child Neglect](#)

[Recap: NASMHPD November Meet-Me Call: Youth at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis](#)

[Tips for Survivors of a Disaster or Other Traumatic Event: Coping with Retraumatization](#)

[Supplemental Research Bulletin: Mass Violence and Behavioral Health](#)

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