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Respite **RCPN** News

A Newsletter for Members of the Respite Care Providers' Network



Join us at the National HCH Conference in New Orleans on Tuesday, May 27

It's not too late to [register](#) for the Pre-Conference Institute, Medical Respite Care: Making the Most out of Health Reform, on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This year's institute will include two main sessions. The first session will provide attendees with an overview of new medical respite standards being developed by national experts. Those new to medical respite care will participate in a discussion to understand how these standards can be used as a framework for understanding medical respite care and for starting programs. Those coming from established medical respite programs will learn how to implement specific standards into current programming.

The second session will focus on health reform and implications for medical respite programs. Breakout sessions, accommodating both beginner and

New Rules for Home and Community Based Services May Benefit Medical Respite Programs

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released new rules on January 16, 2014 that offer guidance to states about the services and settings eligible for federal financial participation under the [Home and Community Based Services Program](#). While most medical respite programs do not meet the qualities of a home and community based setting as described in the regulation, states may request federal financial participation to support "transition services" to support patients as they transition from a short hospital stay to a home and community based setting. Unlike other HCBS programs, the State

Plan HCBS Benefit does not require individuals to meet the

advanced learners, will describe how new initiatives can facilitate partnerships and create funding opportunities for medical respite programs.

Group activities and networking opportunities will occur throughout the day to ensure a lively and thought provoking event. Attendees will walk away with a better understanding of how medical respite programs can thrive in a new health reform environment.

[Register](#) for the National HCH Conference and Pre-Conference Institute.

New Program: Philadelphia Homeless health care providers in Philadelphia recently celebrated the opening of a new medical respite pilot program based out of DePaul House, a men's shelter that serves about 15,000 people annually. The eight medical respite beds are financed by local and state government, area hospitals and the Public Health Management Corporation. The program is staffed by a full time nurse, a nurse's aide, as well as support staff from DePaul House. Program planners hope to demonstrate the value of medical respite care in order to get the support needed to expand the program. Learn more about the DePaul Medical Respite Center.



New York Medicaid Waiver Addresses Needs of People Who Lack Housing after Hospitalization

CMS issued tentative approval to the State of New York for their Section 1115 Medicaid and CHIP research and demonstration waiver. The waiver application includes care coordination and transitional care programs to reduce avoidable hospitalizations. One component of the care transition program is "transitional supportive housing," which reads much like a medical respite program. The Transitional Supportive Housing program would provide short-term care management to allow transition from acute care settings to longer-term care management programs or patient centered medical homes and would allow additional time to support rehabilitation, stabilization of medical condition, and patient confidence in self-management. Housing under this plan will be financed from state Medicaid savings. [Learn more about New York's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment \(DSRIP\) Plan.](#)

Illinois Medicaid waiver proposes Medical Respite Care for Justice-involved Populations

The State of Illinois is seeking a Section 1115 Medicaid and CHIP research

criteria for institutional level of care in order to be eligible.

[More information](#) is available through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

2014 RCPN Steering Committee Slate of Nominees

In January, the RCPN Steering Committee released a call for nominations to fill four Steering Committee seats that will open in July. The RCPN Nominating Committee conducted interviews with a number of qualified candidates and recommends the following slate of nominees. RCPN members attending the 2014 Medical Respite Pre-Conference Institute on May 27 will be asked to confirm the slate of nominees. The slate of nominees is as follows:

New Steering Committee Nominees

Brandon Clark, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer, Circle the City, Phoenix, AZ

Henry Fader, JD, Attorney at Law, Pepper Hamilton LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Willey Mackey, consumer representative, Valley Homeless Healthcare Program, Palo Alto, CA

Preston Witt, BA, Chief Services Operator, Harmony House, Houston, TX

Re-election (for 2nd term)

Jennifer Nelson Seals, MSHRM, Executive Director, Interfaith House, Chicago, IL

The State of Illinois is seeking a Section 1115 Medicaid and CHIP research and demonstration waiver to better serve the needs of low-income Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries. One component of the [Path to Transformation waiver](#) is a medical respite program targeting justice-involved populations who have a “high level of post-release morbidity.” Care Coordinators from the medical respite program would work with this targeted population to develop comprehensive plans to improve continuity of care and medication adherence after being released from correctional facilities. Illinois recently made their waiver application available to the public for comment. The final waiver application will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval. [Learn more about the Paths to Transformation wavier.](#)

Coming Soon: 2014 Medical Respite Program Directory

The National HCH Council will be updating its directory of Medical Respite Programs. The directory is used by a number of audiences including researchers, reporters, and program planners. Program contacts can expect communication from the National HCH Council in May.

Don't want to wait? Program contacts can update their program profile or submit a new profile using our [online submission form](#).

Upcoming Webinar

Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) in partnership with the National Health Care for the Homeless Council will host a webinar on May 20, 2014 to discuss strategies for improving the delivery of care for people experiencing homelessness during and after a short-term hospital stay. More information and registration for this webinar will be available from the [National Health Care for the Homeless Council](#).

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