

Supporting Behavioral Health for Older Adults: State Medicaid Strategies

June 9, 2011
2:30-3:45 Eastern (75 minutes)

Agenda

Objectives: The special behavioral health needs of older adults are a growing concern for state Medicaid programs. In meeting this challenge, states are frequently turning to existing state Medicaid options to provide cost effective, specialized services and supports for older adults with behavioral health needs. On this webinar, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through Abt Associates, presenters from three states will highlight tools and strategies being used in their states' Medicaid program to address the specialized behavioral health needs of older adults.

Time	Topic
2:30 - 2:35 pm ET	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Kitty Purington, Policy Specialist, NASHP</p>
2:35 – 2:45 pm ET	<p>Introductory Remarks from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</p> <p>Deborah Baldwin, SAMHSA</p>
2:45 – 3:00 pm ET	<p>Peer Supports: Pennsylvania</p> <p>The Pennsylvania Medicaid program uses the Rehabilitative Services option to fund Certified Peer Support services, including Certified Peer Support services geared specifically to older adults. The service trains consumers of mental health services to assist individuals with accessing social supports and developing self-help skills</p> <p>Speaker: William Boyer, Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</p>
3:00 – 3:15 pm ET	<p>Preadmission Screening and Resident Review: Nevada</p> <p>Nevada's PASRR program oversees the provision of specialized services to individuals having mental illness who are evaluated through PASRR and identified as needing nursing facility and mental health services, including psychotherapy, medications/medication management, psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and monitoring and advocacy.</p> <p>Speaker: Dave Caloiaro, Nevada Division of Mental Health and Development Services</p>

3:15 – 3:30 pm ET	<p>The PEARLS program: Washington</p> <p>Washington’s uses its 1915(c) waiver to fund the Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS) program, an evidence-based integrated care model that focuses on training and acquisition of skills to help alleviate depression in older adults.</p> <p>Speaker: Traci Adair, Washington Aging and Disability Services Administration</p>
3:30 – 3:45 pm ET	<p>Discussion and Wrap-up</p> <p>Webinar participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and share information about their state Medicaid programs’ approach to addressing the behavioral health needs of older adults.</p> <p>Discussion Lead: Kitty Purington</p>