



September
20, 2016

Illinois Health Care Coverage Options and Benefits Information for People with Disabilities

AGENDA

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions:

- ♦ Tony Paulauski, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois
- ♦ Faye Manaster, Project Director, Family to Family Health Information Center/Family Voices of Illinois

8:45 - 10:15 a.m. - *“Update on Illinois Medicaid for Children and Adults”*

presented by Stephanie Altman, Assistant Director of Health Care Justice, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law and Erin Weir, Manager of Health Care Access at AgeOptions

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. - *“Illinois Medicaid Redetermination Project”*

presented by John Spears, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Eligibility Integrity, IL Department of Healthcare & Family Services

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - *“Understanding SSI, SSDI and Medicare”*

presented by Sherri Schneider, Family Benefit Solutions, Inc.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch - **If you need a vegetarian meal or have any other special needs for lunch, please indicate on your registration form.**

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. - *“Your Healthcare Rights”*

presented by Andrés Gallegos, Attorney, Robbins, Salomon and Patt, LTD

1:45 - 2:00 p.m. - Break

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - *“Making Health Coverage Decisions”*

presented by Kristin Hartsaw, Director of Training and Technical Assistance and Kathryn Nelson, Program Director for Public Benefits Access, DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. - *“Healthcare Advocacy and You”*

presented by Tony Paulauski, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois
Questions, Discussion and Evaluation

3:30 p.m. - Adjourn

About the Presenters

Stephanie Altman is the Assistant Director of the Health Care Justice at Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law and specializes in Medicaid, Medicare, and health insurance issues. She represents clients in individual and class actions related to health care equity and also advocates for quality, accessible health care through administrative and legislative forums. Prior to working at the Shriver Center, she was the Programs and Policy Director at Health & Disability Advocates. Stephanie has also worked as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Practice at the Chicago-Kent College of Law and an attorney with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago. Stephanie is on the board of Telligen and the Chair of the Legal Aid Committee of the Chicago Bar Association. She is also on the Illinois Navigator Training Team for the Affordable Care Act and the Illinois Older Adult Services Advisory Committee and Balancing Incentives Project.

Andrés Gallegos is a shareholder with the law firm of Robbins, Salomon and Patt, Ltd., in Chicago, Illinois, where he focuses his practice on disability rights and healthcare law. Andrés founded and spearheads the law firm's 6-year old initiative to improve access to healthcare and wellness programs for persons across all types of disabilities. Through Andrés' direction and leadership, a three prong approach of education (for consumers and providers), advocacy, and, when required, litigation, is used to attain accessible healthcare services for persons with disabilities and effectuate systemic change. Andrés currently leads his firm's collaboration efforts with a number of healthcare systems, and national dental and retail healthcare providers to ensure that persons across all types of disabilities receive the equal opportunity to benefit from their services.

Kristin Hartsaw is the Director of Training and Technical Assistant with the DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform. In this role, she helps to develop and conduct training programs including *Making the Connection: Accessing Public Benefits*, Health Insurance Navigator/Assistor training, Cultural Competency and Mental Health First Aid. Ms. Hartsaw currently serves as the State Team Lead for the SOAR initiative.

Kathryn Nelson is the Program Director for Public Benefit Access with the DuPage Federation. Prior to her work with the DuPage Federation, Ms. Nelson worked for 30 years in with the State of Illinois Department of Human Services. Since leaving state service, Ms. Nelson developed the Making the Connection training program. This training is designed to provide information about public benefits and strategies to improve benefit access and case advocacy for consumers. Since 2008, Ms. Nelson has been a SOAR trainer and a member of the statewide SOAR planning and implementation team.

Tony Paulauski has been a high school Special Education teacher and was an Executive Director of a local chapter of The Arc of Illinois for 21 years. Tony solidified his position as a leading advocate and accepted the position of Executive Director at The Arc of Illinois in 1991. The Arc of Illinois is a not-for-profit organization which advocates on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through the years, Tony has made it his priority, and that of The Arc Board Members, to educate and inform as many people as possible on the importance of issues such as providing inclusive community supports for individuals with developmental disabilities, ending the wait for community supports and turnover of direct care staff. Tony is considered, both state-wide and nationally, a strong advocate for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Sherri Schneider, President of Family Benefit Solutions, Inc., QDDP, and the mother of a child with special needs, has been tirelessly dedicated to helping individuals with special needs and their families. Her career began as a social worker in a CILA, where she helped those with developmental disabilities acquire the government benefits they so desperately needed, including SSI, Medicaid and food stamps. She helped launch one of the first CLF facilities funded under a Medicaid waiver. Sherri now meets with families to thoroughly assess their situations and pursue appropriate benefit assistance programs by personally guiding them through the application process. Families and professionals find her in-service expertise to be invaluable as they attempt to navigate the government benefit arena.

John Spears, M.B.A. has worked in state government for over 32 years in the Illinois Departments of Public Aid, Public Health, Human Services and Healthcare & Family Services providing training and outreach about state programs. John oversees the state's medical redetermination process and supervises the rules engine managers for the new Integrated Eligibility System (IES).

Erin Weir has worked at AgeOptions (a nonprofit Area Agency on Aging) for 8 years. As the project director for the Make Medicare Work Coalition in Illinois, Erin and her staff provide information, resources, training and technical assistance to professionals, older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers on navigating Medicare, Medicaid, Managed Care, and the Affordable Care Act Marketplace.

Cost & Registration

September 20, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Registration 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration Fees for Participants are:

Arc Members:

Professional.....\$140.00
Consumer/Family Member.....\$ 95.00

Non Arc Members:

Professional.....\$180.00
Consumer/Family Member.....\$130.00

The registration fee covers the cost of materials, refreshments and lunch. Groups of more than 7 from one agency are entitled to a 10% discount. Please complete the attached registration form, fax it to 815-464-5292, then mail the hard copy along with your check to:

The Arc of Illinois
20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 209
Frankfort, IL 60423
815-464-1832

Notice of any special accommodations is required two weeks prior to the event. Contact The Arc of Illinois at 815-464-1832.

CEUs will be offered for this training. Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Nursing Home Administrators and QIDP's signing in and out on the day of the event are entitled to five (5) credits.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FAMILY STIPENDS

We have two options for **family/self-advocate stipends** for this event. (Stipends are not available for professionals receiving CEUs.)

1. F2F stipends are available for families and youth up to age 21 with any type of special needs, disability and/or chronic illness. **Call 866-931-1110 to apply for this option.**
2. The Arc of Illinois Consumer Stipends are available for parents of adult children over age 21 with developmental disabilities only. **Call 815-464-1832 to apply for this option.**

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS Participants canceling their registration 72 hours in advance will be entitled to a credit or refund, less a \$50.00 administrative cost. No refund or credit will be given for cancellation less than 72 hours before the seminar.

LOCATION

Doubletree Hotel
5000 W. 127th St.
Alsip, IL 60803
708/371-7300

Registration Form

"Illinois Health Care Coverage Options"

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One form per person, please print legibly. Your name will appear on your name tag as it appears on this form.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

AMOUNT PAYABLE: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

_____ Fax form and mail check to The Arc of Illinois
(815-464-5292)

_____ Check enclosed payable to The Arc of Illinois

_____ P.O. or State Voucher # _____

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