

September
13, 2018

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:

- ◆ Meg Cooch, 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. - *“Understanding SSI, SSDI, Medicare and Medicaid”*
presented by Sherri Schneider, Family Benefit Solutions

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. - **Break**

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - *“Family Advocacy”*
presented by Greg McClure, Parent, Advocate and Educator, Bleeding Disorders Community

11:15 a.m. - Noon - *“Update on Class Action Lawsuits and Children with Special Needs”*
presented by Robert H. Farley, Jr., Attorney at Law

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 - 2:00 p.m. - *“National Update on ACA and Medicaid”*
presented by Julie Ward, Deputy Executive Officer for Public Policy, The Arc of the United States

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. - **Break**

2:15 - 2:45 p.m. - *“Private Health Insurance”*
presented by Anthony Simonetta, Strategic Partner Private Health Insurance

2:45 - 3:30 p.m. - *“Health Choice Illinois”*
presented by Kristin Hartsaw, Director of Training and Technical Assistance,
DuPage Federation on Human Services reform

3:30 p.m. - **Adjourn**

About the Presenters

Robert H. Farley, Jr., Attorney at Law was the lead attorney in the precedent-setting case in the State of Illinois where the United States Court of Appeals held that persons with disabilities were entitled to sue the State of Illinois under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to receive services in the least restrictive setting or community. Mr. Farley has filed 7 Federal Class Action Lawsuits in the last 8 years to secure funding for services and protect the legal rights for persons with disabilities. In one Class Action case, the United States Department of Justice stated, "Robert Farley is an experienced advocate . . ." Mr. Farley is also the recipient of the Arc of Illinois/President's Award for Outstanding Legal Advocacy on Behalf of People with Developmental Disabilities in Illinois.

Kristin Hartsaw, MPH, MCHES is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance with the Federation on Human Services Reform. In this role, she develops and conducts training programs including *Making the Connection: Accessing Public Benefits, Cultural Competency, and Mental Health First Aid*. She has provided enrollment assistance to families applying for health coverage and served on the State of Illinois training team to deliver Health Insurance Navigator/Assister training. Ms. Hartsaw currently serves as the State Team Lead for the SOAR initiative, a SAMHSA Best Practice Model working to increase access to disability benefits for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Prior to her current role, she worked for fifteen years in public health.

Greg McClure has worked with families, patients, and organizations, for over 4 decades. Although, retired, he continues to assist families and organizations.

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.

Anthony Simonetta, Strategic Partner Private Health Insurance has more than thirty years of experience in the field. His area of specialization is employee benefit programs for employers of all types: not-for-profit organizations, large and small businesses and unions, all situated in the Chicago metropolitan area. He is skilled in supporting employees to become familiar with the complex details of their health insurance coverage options in order to make informed decisions.

Julie Ward, Deputy Executive Officer for Public Policy for The Arc, has 30 years of experience representing people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities before Congress, the federal agencies, and state legislatures. Prior to that position she was the Director of Health Policy and has particular knowledge and expertise in policies related to the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Medicare, private health insurance, medical research, drug development and public health issues. Prior to holding this position for The Arc she represented The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy for seven years as part of the Disability Policy Collaboration (DPC). In that role she had primary responsibility for budget and appropriations, employment, TANF, Medicare Part D, and transportation issues. She spent 18 years with the Epilepsy Foundation, the last ten years as the Senior Director of Government Affairs, overseeing the Foundation's federal and state advocacy program.

Cost & Registration

September 13, 2018 - 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
ChicagoAlsip.Doubletree.com

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 #

_____ Charge to my Credit Card _____

Name as it appears on credit card:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card holder's signature:

Special Lunch Request:



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