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SUMMARY

June 16-30 2009

Funding Notices - These funding initiatives warrant your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Nonprofits or other entities must submit applications by a specific deadline and meet program criteria to be eligible for the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
6/16/09	DOL	Request for applications under ODEP's Registered Apprenticeship for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities Initiative. Application deadline: 7/16/09 Available funds: \$400,000 ODEP has an annual goal to advance disability employment policy and knowledge that encourages systems change for better transition results for youth and young adults with disabilities. Therefore, ODEP intends to conduct two pilot projects "to develop models to improve systems capacity to provide inclusive Registered Apprenticeship training and pre-apprenticeship training to youth and young adults with disabilities..." including those with significant disabilities. This will be accomplished through two consortia that must include representation from a Registered Apprenticeship Program, a community-based organization, a public/private non-profit organization, and an educational institution. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-14076.htm .
6/22/09	HUD	Request for applications from public housing agencies AND a request for comments on assistance under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. Comment deadline: 7/13/09 Section 8, which is authorized in the <i>Housing Act of 1949</i> , provides assistance to low-income families seeking safe and affordable rental housing. Under provisions contained in the <i>Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009</i> , \$30 million dollars will be available to fund approximately 4,000 HCVs for "non-elderly disabled families," with 25 percent (\$7,500,000) going to support non-elderly families who are transitioning to the community from nursing homes and other institutions. HUD is seeking comments on how they can better design the distribution of the funds. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-14651.htm .

Other Notices – Requests for Comments/Nominations that require a response by a specific date and/or corrections to previously published notices, guidance information, or adjusted federal funding for states (i.e. The Developmental Disabilities Act), along with other interesting funding information. Please take note of the following:

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6/24/09	EPA	<p>Request for nominations for membership on the Children’s Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC). Deadline for nominations: 7/24/09 CHPAC, established in 1998, provides advice to the EPA administrator on regulations, research, and communications issues related to children’s environmental health. CHPAC membership consists of representatives from diverse sectors, including industry, private foundations, doctors, nurses, scientists, federal/state/local governments, environmental groups, and citizen’s organizations. Members serve two-year terms, with possible reappointment for up to six years. Qualifications for membership include experience in public policy, broad-based networks, and expertise in issues affecting children’s health, just to name a few. For more information about CHPAC and for prior meeting agendas, go to: http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/whatwe_advisory.htm. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-14861.htm.</p>
6/25/09	HHS Office of the Secretary	<p>Amended 2007 Declaration under the <i>Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act</i> (see the 11/30/07 “Other Notices” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-5884.htm and see the 10/17/08 “Other Notices” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24733.htm, http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24734.htm, http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24735.htm, http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24737.htm, and http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24736.htm). Effective date: 6/15/09 The amended Declaration acknowledges that the 2009 H1N1 influenza (swine influenza) and resulting disease constitute a public health emergency and declares “targeted liability protections for pandemic countermeasures” for those who design or develop countermeasures or provide clinical testing, product formulation, etc., to fight the spread of this influenza virus. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-14948.htm.</p>

Proposed Rules – Requests for comments that require a response by a specific date. Please take note of the following:

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6/22/09	HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	<p>Request for comments on proposed amendments to the Medicaid home and community-based services waivers.</p> <p>Comment deadline: 8/21/09</p> <p>Based on provisions contained in the <i>Social Security Act</i>, CMS is authorized to make proposed amendments to Section 1915 (c) of the Act, which has been in effect since 1981. This section of the law allows states to develop and implement community-based alternatives to hospitals, nursing facilities, and intermediate care facilities for Medicaid-eligible individuals. The services that can be provided under the waiver include: case management, homemaker/home health aid services, personal care services, adult day health, habilitation, and respite care. CMS is asking for comments on “how removal of the existing regulatory barrier regarding target groups may increase a state’s ability to design service packages based on need, rather than diagnosis or conditions.” In addition, CMS wants to know how this change might affect a state’s efforts to comply with the Title II prohibitions against discrimination based on disability that are contained in the <i>Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990</i> and the Supreme Court’s <i>Olmstead</i> decision. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-14559.htm.</p>

Final Rules – Comments have been received, processed and program implementation policies have been finalized or withdrawn. Please take note of the following:

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6/30/09	HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	<p>Rescinded rules that would have eliminated Medicaid reimbursement for the following programs: 1) school-based administration/transportation services, 2) outpatient hospital services, and 3) case management services (see the 5/6/09 “Proposed Rules” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-10494.htm. In addition, go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-6220.htm (12/28/07 final rule - administration/transportation services); http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-26554.htm (11/7/08 final rule - outpatient services); and http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-5903.htm (12/4/07 final rule - case management services).</p> <p>Effective date: 7/1/09</p> <p>The regulations as originally written have been the subject of Congressional moratoria, and have not been implemented. CMS has decided to rescind numbers 1 and 2 above in full and to partially rescind number 3 based on concerns expressed about the negative effects that could result from restrictions on services to those in need and based on the lack of clear evidence that the rules as written were needed. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-15345.htm.</p>

Meeting Notices – Important information about upcoming federal agency meetings, audio conferences, and web casts. If you are unable to attend a meeting, most panels, committees, etc. will provide a transcript or other documents upon request. Use the contact information provided to request materials. Please take note of the following:

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6/19/09	SSA Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel (OIDAP)	<p>Meeting Date: 7/14/09 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern time) Meeting Place: via teleconference. To join the call, dial 1-866-244-4637, and then enter the pass code as 1367800, and the leader/host as Debra Tidwell-Peters. OIDAP's purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the Commissioner of SSA on replacing the Dictionary of Occupational Titles with occupational information systems specifically made for SSA's disability programs, including Title II (disability insurance). Areas to be addressed include: analysis of disability claims, occupational analysis, including mental/cognitive demands of work, data collection, and how occupational information is used in disability programs. For more information about OIDAP, go to: http://www.ssa.gov/oidap/. For an agenda go to: http://www.ssa.gov/oidap/meeting_information.htm one week before the meeting. For more information about the meeting, contact Panel Staff at: OIDAP@ssa.gov.</p>
6/22/09	NCD National Council on Disability	<p>Meeting Dates: 7/20/09 at 8:30 a.m., 7/21/09 at 9:00 a.m., and 7/22/09 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (Note: 7/22/09 is a closed Executive Session from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.) Meeting Place: Minneapolis Marriott City Center, 30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN NCD promotes practices, policies, and programs that foster equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities and provides advice to the President, the U.S. Congress, and federal agencies. On the agenda are emergency preparedness, housing, DD act Bill of Rights, and the 2010 National Summit on Disability Policy, just to name a few. For more information about NCD, go to: http://www.ncd.gov. For more information about the meeting, contact Mark Quigley at 202-272-2004 (voice) or 202-272-2074 (TTY).</p>
6/25/09	HS Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council (NAC)	<p>Meeting Dates: 7/29/09 at 10:00 a.m. and 7/30/09 at 10:15 a.m. Meeting Place: The Alerus Center, 1200 South 42nd Street, Grand Forks, ND NAC advises FEMA on all aspects of preparedness and emergency management. On the agenda are reviews and updates of the work being done by NAC subcommittees and working groups, such as post-disaster housing, special needs, and preparedness issues. A public comment period has been scheduled and requests to comment or send written comments must be received by 7/20/09. For more information about NAC, go to: http://www.fema.gov/about/nac. For more information about the meeting and requests to comment, contact Alyson Price at 202-646-3746 or at FEMA-NAC@dhs.gov.</p>

- 6/26/09 CCR **Meeting Date: 7/6/09 at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern time)**
Meeting Place: via teleconference – dial 1-800-597-7623, then enter conference ID #17168618.
 U.S. Commission on Civil Rights CCR, which was created in 1957, investigates complaints of civil rights violations based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. In addition, CCR writes reports and makes recommendations on civil rights issues to the President and the U.S. Congress. On the agenda is program planning for a “National Civil Rights Conference.” For more information on CCR, go to: www.usccr.gov/. For more information about the meeting, contact Lenore Ostrowsky at 202-376-8591.
- 6/30/09 EPA **Meeting Dates: 7/21 and 7/22/09 at 9:00 a.m.**
Meeting Place: EPA East Building, Room 1117A, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
 Children’s Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC) CHPAC was established to advise EPA on issues related to children’s environmental health. On the agenda are “Air Quality and Children’s Health Update,” “Chemicals Management and Children’s Health Panel,” and “Children’s Health and Environment Health Disparities,” just to name a few. For more information about CHPAC, go to: http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/whatwe_advisory.htm. For more information about the meeting, contact Martha Berger at 202-564-2191 or at berger.martha@epa.gov.
- 6/30/09 HHS **Meeting Dates: 7/22/09 at 10:00 a.m. and 7/23/09 at 9:00 a.m.**
Meeting Place: Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, D.C.
 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) – National Advisory Council’s (NAC) Subcommittee on Quality Measures for Children’s Healthcare in Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance (CHIP) NAC advises the Secretary of HHS and the Director of AHRQ on issues related to enhancing the quality and improving the outcomes of health care services and access to services. NAC established the Subcommittee to “provide advice to the NAC for consideration and transmission to AHRQ as AHRQ undertakes responsibilities in the identification of an initial core quality measure set for use by Medicaid and CHIP programs for children’s health care.” On the agenda is an update on relevant AHRQ activities. The final agenda will be available at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/chip/chipraact.htm> before the meeting. For more information about the NAC, go to: <http://www.ahrq.gov/about/council.htm>. For more information about the meeting, contact Padmini Jagadish at 301-427-1927.

Presidential Documents – These documents are statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House.

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