

October 20,  
2015

## Update on Health Care Reform for Children and Adults with Special Needs

### 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 - 9:45 a.m.** - *“Update on the Illinois Marketplace and Get Covered Illinois”* presented by Natalie Pacheco, Regional Outreach Coordinator, Get Covered Illinois

**9:45 - 10:45 a.m.** - *“Getting Help with Private Insurance Problems”* presented by Jim Norris, Outreach Officer, Illinois Department of Insurance and Raymond Threlkeld, Chief, Health Care Bureau at Illinois Attorney General’s Office

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

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** - *“Update on the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Reform in Illinois”* presented by Erin Weir, Manager of Health Care Access at AgeOptions

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** - Lunch - **If you need a vegetarian meal or have any other special needs for lunch, please indicate on your registration form.**

**1:30 - 2:15 p.m.** - *“Update on Medicare for Youth and Adults With Disabilities”* presented by Barbara Otto, CEO, Health & Disability Advocates

**2:15 - 2:30 p.m.** - Break

**2:30 - 3:00 p.m.** - *“Update on the ‘New Medicaid’ for Youth and Adults With Disabilities”* presented by Kathy Chan, Director of Policy, Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems

**3:00 - 3:30 p.m.** - *“Disability Advocacy and Health Care Reform in Illinois”* presented by Tony Paulauski, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois  
**Questions, Discussion and Evaluation**

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

## About the Presenters

**Kathy Chan** is the Director of Policy for Cook County Health & Hospital System where she provides leadership on policy activities and initiatives for the nation's third largest public hospital system, which includes two hospitals, 16 health centers, an HIV/AIDS specialty clinic, correctional health services at the county jail and juvenile detention center, and the Cook County Department of Public Health. Previously, Kathy was the Associate Director and Director of Policy and Advocacy for EverThrive Illinois (formerly the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition), where she worked for over ten years. She led advocacy and government relations strategies for the organization and also served as the lead staff person on issues related to the Affordable Care Act. From 2002-2006, Kathy staffed EverThrive Illinois' Covering Kids and Families Project, where she built statewide and local coalitions and created and implemented strategies to help families more easily access public health insurance programs. Her efforts helped Illinois gain recognition as a national leader in outreach and enrollment.

**Jim Norris** is the Outreach Officer for the Illinois Department of Insurance in the Consumer Education and Protection Division. He disseminates information vital to the interests and protection of insurance consumers. In addition, he provides guidance to individuals seeking to acquire health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace (pursuant to the current federal mandate to procure such coverage). Jim had acquired several decades of professional claim experience through major insurance carriers. His career began at Transamerica Insurance Group, where his next employer, USF&G, was acquired by St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company in 1998, but then St. Paul eventually merged into Travelers in 2004. He was an office claims manager and served in several leadership capacities over the years.

**Barbara Otto** has been the Chief Executive Officer (previously the Executive Director) of Health & Disability Advocates since 1994. HDA is a driving force behind building smarter systems of health, disability employment, education and income supports for vulnerable people and places across the nation, state of Illinois, and metropolitan Chicago. Ms. Otto is a policy analyst with extensive expertise in Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security as well as other public benefits programs for older adults, children and adults with disabilities. In 2011, Barbara was appointed by President Obama to the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion and Integrative Public Health whose charge is to facilitate implementation of the nation's first National Prevention Strategy created under the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act of 2010.

**Natalie Pacheco** is the Regional Outreach Coordinator for Get Covered Illinois since 2013. In addition to her role in managing consumer outreach and enrollment initiatives, Natalie has been instrumental in the development of Get Covered Illinois' Community Health Worker Program. Previous to her employment at GCI, Natalie served as a Patient Care Coordinator at Alivio Medical Center. She has a Masters Degree from the University of St. Francis and a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Northern Illinois University.

**Tony Paulauski** Tony 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.

**Raymond Threlkeld** has been the Assistant Attorney General for 18 years, the Chief of the Health Care Bureau for 15 years and also holds the position of Staff Attorney on the Consumer Fraud Bureau. Some of his previous job experience includes working for the Cook County State's Attorney Office as a Supervisor for the Consumer Fraud Division for many years.

**Erin Weir**, is the Manager of Health Care Access at AgeOptions. As such, she oversees statewide health care outreach and assistance programs, including the Make Medicare Work Coalition, which provides information, assistance, and training to both consumers and professionals on navigating Medicare, Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, and a variety of public benefits programs. Prior to her current position, Erin coordinated the statewide Senior Medicare Patrol program, which empowers consumers to prevent health care fraud, waste, and abuse through outreach and education.

## Cost & Registration

October 20, 2015 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Registration 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration Fees for Participants are:

### Arc Members:

Professional.....\$125.00  
Consumer/Family Member.....\$ 65.00

### Non Arc Members:

Professional.....\$155.00  
Consumer/Family Member.....\$ 95.00

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

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(815-464-5292)

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