



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD Ad Hoc State Medicaid Task Force
2011 Annual Report**

In 2011, CCD created a State Medicaid Ad Hoc task force in response to the growing threats the program was undergoing on the state level. We held a number of meetings on how the state and national threats coincided, particularly with the national debt crisis and Congressional maneuvers to cut costs by slashing Medicaid at the national and state level. Once the national Congressional threats had subsided, we focused on state-by-state issues with Medicaid and cost-savings, particularly around Managed Care and Dual Eligibles (while recognizing that both issues are also being played out at the national level). We will continue focusing on state Medicaid issues in 2012, conducting surveys of our state members to assess their experience and providing guidance on how upcoming healthcare reform changes will play out on the state level. We will also work with the Health and LTSS Task Forces on issues that cross-over to the national stage as appropriate.

2011 Issues

State Budgets and Medicaid

The Task Force began discussing issues facing people with disabilities across the country as states look at ways to balance their annual budgets including cuts to categories of people and types of services in Medicaid as well as the move by many states to amend their state plans and waivers to require people to participate in Medicaid managed care. The Task Force agreed to begin collecting data and research that has been done on the impact of Medicaid managed care on people with disabilities' access to services so that we can better support our state groups.

Dual Eligible Beneficiaries

The Task Force also discussed issues facing dual eligible individuals, those people receiving services both through Medicare and Medicaid. Duals are the focus of programs and care coordination efforts both to improve the service experience and save money. The concern is that many programs are not proven yet and are being rapidly implemented. The Task Force decided to review state program focused on coordination of care for the duals and provide this information to our individual organizations' state members.

Anticipated 2012 Issues

In 2012, the Task Force will focus its efforts on:

- Tracking and supporting our members in the states to fight possible cuts or proposals that would structurally change Medicaid and hurt access for people with disabilities;
- Educating and encouraging members to work with their states around implementation of the Affordable Care Act programs, particularly around the intersection of exchanges and Medicaid.
- Monitoring state efforts to save money through comprehensive waiver and state plan changes to Medicaid including managed care and care coordination for duals;

2011 Co-Chairs

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(Jonathan Westin will no longer be a co-chair in 2012. We welcome interested organizations to nominate a co-chair to sit on our committee. Thank you!)