

Waisman Center UCEDD -ACA Involvement-

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Context for policy work

- * Disability Policy Partnership (DPP) with DD Act Partners
 - * Waisman Center -UCEDD
 - * Disability Rights WI
 - * WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
- * Organizational structure
 - * DPP position- full time coordinator and lead within DRW
 - * BPDD redefining staff roles
 - * UCEDD position - Outreach Specialist for Public Policy and Systems Change
 - * Collaboration with Family Voices

Why we became involved in ACA

- * Opportunity to strengthen a dimension of our involvement in health
 - * Health disparities for people with I/DD
 - * Health disparities and public health data systems
 - * Medical Home training and Learning Collaborative
 - * Specialty clinics
- * DPP agenda on health
- * Major systems change effort in state

Wisconsin Approach to ACA

- * Governor declined federal planning grants
- * Governor delayed discussion until after supreme court decision and 2012 election
- * Sept 2012-WI declined to chose an EHB plan
- * November 2012- Governor defers to Federal Exchange
- * February 2013- Medicaid expansion rejected

Staying current -Complex issues-

- * WI Access Network- Bring together a diverse coalition of patient advocate, consumer, provider and insurer-based organizations to learn together and create a more unified voice to achieve common goals of expanding access to affordable, quality health care in WI.
 - * Meet bi-monthly-share information, presentations on aspects of ACA, meet with CMS.
 - * Initial focus on Exchanges and EHB

UCEDD Activities

Community Education

- * Q&A on the ACA for people with disabilities with Survival Coalition <http://www.survivalcoalitionwi.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/ACA-QA.pdf>
- * Waisman Center Policy Seminar on ACA and People with Disability with Connie Garner
- * Webinar on EHB with speakers from Georgetown, catalyst center and WI Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI)

Q&A Document



of Wisconsin Disability Organizations

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The Affordable Care Act in Wisconsin

What Does It Mean for People with Disabilities?

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2010 and includes many items that impact individuals and families with disabilities. The ACA was upheld as constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in June 2012.

States are expected to move forward with plans to implement the law and provide the necessary coverage and protections.

The ACA has many parts. The law was designed to implement different parts in stages from 2010 to 2014. Governor Walker, his Administration, and the Legislature will make many decisions about the state government's role in fulfilling the ACA.

This question and answer (Q & A) document has information about the status and impact of the law as it is currently written and implemented. Updates will be added as decisions are made and information becomes available. Stay tuned for updates.

Private Insurance:

1. Is it true that children and people with disabilities with chronic conditions cannot be denied private insurance?
Yes. The ACA currently prevents insurance companies from denying coverage to children under age 19 due to a pre-existing condition. Adults with disabilities will also gain this protection on January 1, 2014.
2. Will private insurance companies be able to charge higher rates because of a chronic condition or disability?
No. In 2014, every person getting the same amount of coverage from the same insurance company in the same geographic area will pay the same premium, regardless of health or disability status. There are two exceptions to this rule: premiums can differ depending on age and tobacco use.

UCEDD Policy Seminar

UCEDD POLICY SEMINAR

“Healthcare Reform-Implications for People with Disabilities ”



Connie Garner, PhD
Executive Vice President for Public Policy
for National United Cerebral Palsy

ABOUT THE TALK:

Healthcare reform has the potential to have a significant impact on the lives of all Americans and specific implications for people with disabilities. The Supreme Court decision on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) expected in June may overturn the ACA or lead to major changes. Join us to learn about the opportunities and challenges for people with disabilities as health care reform moves forward, provisions to address health disparities and how research and evidence can play a crucial role in shaping future health care policy.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Connie Garner is nationally recognized as an expert on health care reform and disability. She played a lead role in drafting the ACA, as policy director for disability and special populations, to the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP), where she served Chairman Harkin, Senator Dodd, and the late Senator Kennedy. Connie also brings lived experience as the parent of a young woman with a disability.

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Wednesday, June 27, 2012

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UCEDD Webinar



Save the Date! EHB 101: From a National and Wisconsin Perspective, November 19th

Please join other Wisconsin Access Network members for an interactive webinar on the Affordable Care Act's University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Monday, November 19th, from 3:00pm-4:30pm

EHB Overview, Impact on Special Populations, and Lessons from Other State Processes

- Joe Touschner, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Center for Children and Families
- Georgetown University Center for Health Insurance Reform
- Meg Comeau, Catalyst Center, BU School of Public Health

Update on EHB Selection in Wisconsin

- JP Wieske, WI Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

There will be opportunity for Q&A following both the national and state presenters.

UCEDD Activities, con't

Pre-service education

LEND-issue group on ACA

Technical Assistance

- * CYSHCN Network support on ACA
- * Meet with OCI to explore approach to defining habilitation benefit
- * Invited to draft guidance for insurers on habilitation benefit
- * Identify and convene disability strategy group

The Future

- * Continue to build relationship with policy-makers
- * Continue to work in coalitions representing disability perspective
- * Continue to explore opportunities for meaningful input for UCEDD
- * Continue to build our infrastructure to respond to opportunities