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Managed Care Summit focuses on chronic condition management

As the role of social determinants of health becomes more clear in how people age well—or not—the healthcare sector has been relying more and more upon community-based organizations (CBO) to help ameliorate the circumstances in which social determinants occur. This is an important role for CBOs—key organizations that can help prevent the overuse of healthcare resources in caring for a population of older adults with chronic conditions—a cohort most difficult, and most expensive, to treat.

ASA, in cooperation with the Administration for Community Living and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) and their joint entity, the Aging and Disability Business Institute, and in conjunction with funding partners The SCAN Foundation, The John A. Hartford Foundation, the Administration for Community Living, the Gary and Mary West Foundation, the Marin Community Foundation, and the Colorado Health Foundation, will unveil the third *Managed Care Field Guide* supplement to *Generations* during the 2019 Managed Care Summit, to be held on Thursday, April 18, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the 2019 Aging in America Conference (AiA) in New Orleans.

The 2019 Managed Care Summit will showcase content from this third (and final) *Managed Care Field Guide*, “A Primer on Managed Care: Multiple Chronic Conditions.” The *Field Guide* focuses upon how the healthcare sector and CBOs can collaborate optimally to manage older adults’ chronic conditions, and to create the partnerships that can save money for the healthcare sector and forge sustainability for CBOs as they work to diversify revenue streams.

The 2019 Managed Care Summit, worth four CE credits, reviews the complexities of managing multiple chronic conditions in older adults and the strategies for creating enhanced quality of life in this cohort, if chronic conditions are well-managed. Summit content will also help attendees understand the difficulties social determinants bring to the equation when managing the health of older adults; help attendees to recognize the enhanced role CBOs bring to the healthcare sector in supporting older adults with complex needs to live well in community; and explain how Medicare, Medicare Advantage and the CHRONIC Care Act affect care and the competition for payer reimbursement.

Summit presenters—eight authors from the *Generations Field Guide* supplement—will speak on topics such as the impacts of social determinants on health and why community-based programming can work to ameliorate them; practice models that effectively coordinate and integrate home- and community-based services into care; the implications of the CHRONIC Care Act; and new marketplace competition that has arisen because of recently changed reimbursement mechanisms.

In addition to the Summit’s content, the Managed Care Academy curricula at AiA 2019 features 21 one- to two-hour breakout sessions that cover managed care topics. Six are held on Monday, April 15, and cover topics such as “ACL and States Promote Strategies to Improve Dementia Healthcare.” Six more are scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, and include “Building Age-Friendly

Health Systems, One Community at a Time,” and nine are on Wednesday, April 17, a day in which curricula concentrate on successful CBO programming, such as “Curry Senior Center: An Integrated Care Model for Low-Income and Homeless Older Adults.”

For the staffs of healthcare entities looking to partner with CBOs to increase their ability to help patients with chronic conditions and for those CBOs hoping to ensure their sustainability in a landscape having new and emerging ways of paying for value-based care, these sessions can deliver vitally important content and guidance. Session attendees will receive a copy of the third *Managed Care Field Guide*, the supplement to the Spring 2019 issue of *Generations*.

Summit pre-registration is required and includes lunch, plus four CE credits. Visit www.asaging.org/registration-information to review all of the managed care session options and to register for the Managed Care Academy Summit. ■