

CLINICAL & SERVICE DELIVERY NEWS week ending 1.4.08

1. • Mathematica Policy Research issued a final report from five years of research this week entitled "Cash & Counseling: Improving the Lives of Medicaid Beneficiaries Who Need Personal Care or Home and Community-Based Services"

<<http://capwiz.com/ncoa/utr/1/IIWEHYLNSD/GJXOHYLNWH/1616822291>> which follows Arkansas, Florida and New Jersey through the implementation of their cash and counseling demonstration programs over the past five years. The report examines the programs from the perspective of consumers, caregivers and the cost to each state's Medicaid program.

2. • A new report <<http://capwiz.com/ncoa/utr/1/IIWEHYLNSD/FBCQHLYNWI/1616822291>> issued by the National Association of State Units on Aging and National Conference of State Legislatures examines the family caregivers of older Americans and the caregiver support programs available to assist them in all 50 states and territories. The report discusses each state's programs for caregiver support, sources of funding for caregiver support programs, eligibility criteria, and the various services offered.

<<http://capwiz.com/ncoa/utr/1/IIWEHYLNSD/LODGHYLNWJ/1616822291>>

3. "Testosterone does not improve function in older men," (Reuters Health, January 1, 2008).

<http://www.reutershealth.com/archive/2008/01/01/eline/links/20080101elin008.html>

4. "Tips to prevent adverse drug events in older adults," (Eurekalert [American Association for the Advancement of Science], January 2, 2008).

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2008-01/tuhs-ttp010208.php

5. "Oral osteoporosis meds appear to reduce the risk of jaw degradation,"

(Eurekalert [American Association for the Advancement of Science], January 2, 2008).

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2008-01/hms-oom010208.php

6. "Nonfat milk linked to prostate cancer," (Reuters Health, January 2,

2008). <http://www.reutershealth.com/archive/2008/01/02/eline/links/20080102elin007.html>

7. "Older surgical patients at greater risk for developing cognitive problems," (Eurekalert [American Association for the Advancement of Science], January 2, 2008).

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2008-01/dumc-osp010208.php

8. AARP PRIME TIME RADIO: The following Prime Time Radio shows (RealPlayer format, running times, between 23 and 30 minutes) have been added to the PTR site:

Boomers: Reluctant Retirees (Jan. 1, 2008).

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10. JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION_ ARTICLE ABSTRACT: "Health of Previously Uninsured Adults After Acquiring Medicare Coverage," by J. Michael McWilliams, Ellen Meara, Alan M. Zaslavsky, and John Z. Ayanian (Vol. 298, No. 24, December 26, 2007, p. 2886-2894). <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/298/24/2886>

11. MEDSCAPE ARTICLE: Note: Medscape requires free registration before providing articles. "Warfarin-Drug Interactions Among Older Adults," by Andrew Liu and Carmine Stumpo (_Geriatrics Aging_, Vol. 10, No. 10, 2007, p. 643-646, via Medscape). <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/567679>

12. ECONOMIST: "Abolishing ageing; How to live forever," (January 5, 2008). http://www.economist.com/science/displaystory.cfm?story_id=10423439

13. SPRINGER PUBLISHING: **Elder Abuse Prevention: Emerging Trends and Promising Strategies** by Lisa Nerenberg (December 2007, ISBN10: 0826103278, ISBN13: 9780826103277, 320p.). http://www.springerpub.com/prod.aspx?prod_id=03278

14. NIHSENIORHealth UPDATE: The US National Institutes of Health have added a section on Skin Cancer to their NIHSeniorHealth site.
Participating in Clinical Trials:
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/participatinginclinicaltrials/toc.html>

NIHSeniorHealth:
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/listoftopics.html>