



AAA Participant Direction Newsletter August 2012

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AAA Participant Direction provides Mi Via Consultant Services Statewide

Join Mi Via Moving Forward, a grassroots group of Mi Via participants and advocates, to keep informed about the state's Centennial Care Plan and self-direction.

Email : shuman.rebecca@gmail.com to get on the distribution list for MVMF. More about Centennial Care on page 2...

Looking for Something?

Are you looking for a resource? Maybe somewhere to volunteer to help animals or be active in a sport? What about a play therapist or somewhere to go horse-back riding? AAAPD Consultants know how to find things, so remember to call your consultant if you are looking for something!

Announcing the launch of our new web-site!

Go to:

www.aaparticipantdirection.com

Our new web site is the place to go to find out about AAA Participant Direction and our consultants. It is the place to go to find resources and links to services and organizations that can help you and enlighten you about this wonderful thing we call "self-direction." We hope you enjoy it!

Take the Survey! Your feedback counts!

The Mi Via Advisory Committee has developed a survey to find out how things are going in Mi Via. It would be really, really helpful if you took the survey and told others you know to take the survey. To complete the survey, go to his link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VFVW2T7>

If you or someone you know does not have a computer or for whatever reason can't use Survey Monkey, call [1-866-916-0310](tel:1-866-916-0310) and request a paper copy. It will be mailed to you with a return stamped envelope. You can also request a Spanish version of the survey by calling this number. For more information about the survey, refer to the latest Mi Via Newsletter.

**The surveys have to be completed by
SEPTEMBER 15!**

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Check out our new email addresses! Don't worry, our old ones still work, too.

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Southwest Disability Conference

The Southwest Disability Conference is coming up in Albuquerque: October 9 to 10. This is an exiting opportunity to learn, discover new findings on disability research, and connect with new an old friends. There are scholarships available for people with disabilities to help them afford the conference, but the deadline is August 31!

Go to this link for more information:

<http://cdd.unm.edu/swconf/register.asp>

Centennial Care & Self-Direction

On August 17, 2012, the Human Services Department (HSD) submitted their 2nd Centennial Care waiver application to the federal government for approval, after they had to withdraw their 1st application. The Centennial Care waiver will contract with 3 to 5 Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to manage all Medicaid health services and long-term care services for people who are aging or have disabilities. The MCOs will also have to provide self-directed services for people who are aging or have disabilities. Starting in 2014, Mi Via participants who are aging, have physical disabilities or brain injuries and HIV/Aids will receive their self-directed services through a Centennial Care MCO. In 2015, Mi Via participants who are medically fragile have to move to an MCO.

The state says it intends to "continue the current opportunities for recipients to self-direct their care, as offered today under the Mi Via waiver program." However, the Centennial Care application fails to include some of the services that are available today in Mi Via:

- There will be a \$500 limit on related goods
- No Customized In Home Living Support services
- No Community Direct Support services

To view the Centennial Care application, go to:

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/Medicaid%20Modernization/index.html>

Scroll down to "waiver documents" and click on "Waiver submission to CMS - 8.17.2012". Discussion about self-direction in the Centennial Care Plan starts on page 17 of the waiver application.

Did you notice that ACS is now going by the name Xerox?