

GWAAR Updates

Calendar of Events

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General

Need to Know

Reminder: Register Now!

All County and Tribal Aging Units: It's time for more ACE Meetings! The meetings will be as follows:

- October 8, 2019
 - Lussier Family Heritage Center, 3101 Lake Farm Rd., Madison, WI 53711
- October 15, 2019
 - Fairfield Inn, 7100 Stone Ridge Dr., Weston, WI 54476

[Register at this link.](#)

Here's the [agenda](#). We hope everyone can make one of the dates!

Family Caregiver Support

[Jane Mahoney](#), *Older Americans Act Consultant*

Nice to Know

How-to Videos Available on Medical and Personal Care Tasks

The Home Alone Alliance, a partnership of public, private, and nonprofit organizations including AARP, was formed to change the way health care organizations and professionals interface with family caregivers. One particular Home Alone Alliance initiative that has been especially successful is the development of multiple series of "How-To" videos and accompanying resource guides to provide family caregivers with concrete demonstrations and guidance on specific medical and personal care tasks. The videos and resources, many of which are available in both English and Spanish, are free of charge. You can find them [here](#).

Transportation

[Carrie Diamond](#), *Older Americans Act Consultant - Transportation & Volunteerism Specialist*

Nice to Know

Showing the Value of Transportation to Health Care

Transportation is a significant barrier to many older adults seeking medical care. Many of you are having conversations with healthcare about the desire for true partnership to provide the needed transportation to their patients for their health needs. We heard from you that convincing healthcare to invest in transportation to meet their needs and the needs of their patients has been challenging. In response, GWAAR created a fact sheet about the value of transportation specific to healthcare and their return on investment. You can find the fact sheet on the GWAAR website [here](#). As you use this piece or find you need additional information to make your argument, don't hesitate to reach out to Carrie Diamond or Sky Van Rossum.

Business Development Center

[Sky Van Rossum](#), *Business Development Coordinator*

More Opportunity in 2020!

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) first relaxed the rules for supplemental benefits for the 2019 plan year, but limited the eligible services to options such as transportation and home healthcare. For 2020, CMS expanded that flexibility to allow for additional benefits such as meal services and air quality devices for asthma patients. Uptake for 2019 was slow, however—a recent study estimated that just 21% of MA beneficiaries were offered these benefits this year. Learn more [here](#).