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CURRENT NEWS AND UPDATES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Release Statewide Transition Toolkit

On September 5, 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a new toolkit on the recently released Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) settings rule. [The toolkit is designed to help states to prepare to submit their Statewide Transition Plans in conjunction with the new regulations.](#)

ON THE HORIZON

Nominate a White House Champion of Change

This September, the White House has asked Americans to nominate employers who have made special efforts to hire, recruit, and promote workers with disabilities. Nominate small business owners, managers, and others who have worked in

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your community to make a difference for the [White House Champion of Change for Disability Employment](#) by September 14, 2014.

Social Security Ticket to Work Program to Hold Webinar

On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, from 3-4:30 pm EST, the Social Security Ticket to Work program will hold a webinar titled, "Ticket to Work for People Who Have a Mental Illness: Support on Your Journey to Employment." [Register here](#), or call 1-866-968-7842 or 866-833-2967(TTY) with any questions.

September Is National Preparedness Month

This year's National Preparedness Month theme is "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare." Download an [online toolkit](#) to learn how to plan preparedness events in your community or take part in [National PrepareAthon Day](#) on September 30, 2014. Visit [Ready.gov](#) to find emergency preparedness resources, including many for people with disabilities and older Americans. And be sure to check out this important [video](#) for people with disabilities and other access and functional needs. For more information about preparing for and recovering from a natural disaster or other emergency situation read [Disability.gov's Guide on Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Recovery](#).

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