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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

By attending the conference participants will be able to:

- Identify how the health care system is changing and how coverage is being expanded in Maryland.
- Describe the initiatives to shift the focus of Medicaid long-term support and service dollars from institutional settings toward community-based settings.
- Identify the ways to reach out, educate and maximize independence and autonomy in older vulnerable adults including those with HIV/AIDS or extreme hoarding behavior.
- Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are all called "entitlements." Participants will identify how these three Federal programs are financed, who they impact, and the challenges of sustainability in light of a growing beneficiary base.
- Discuss the impact of these programs, the politics that surround them and the impact they have on the aging population.

CONFERENCE FACULTY

Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD
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Maryland Gerontological Association 30th Annual Conference Program

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration, Exhibits, Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Virginia M. Thomas, MSW, ACSW, MGA President
Deniece Fields, BSN, JD and Karen Sylvester, MPA –
MGA Conference Co-Chairs
Anthony Brown, Lt. Governor - Invited

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Keynote Address: Health Reform in Maryland: Are we there yet?

Joshua Sharfstein, MD
Secretary of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
In the two years since President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law, all states have taken some action to implement health reform. Maryland has been a frontrunner in its efforts to develop a new health care delivery system that will expand access to health care, expand the array of health care providers, improve the quality and decrease the cost of health care. This presentation will highlight efforts taken to date and future plans to implement health reform in Maryland.

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Break and Networking

10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Long-Term Care Reform Efforts in Maryland

Mark Leeds, MS
Director, Long-term Care and Community Support Services Administration,
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Stephanie Hull, JD, MSW
Chief of Long-Term Services and Supports, Maryland Department of Aging
Liz Burridge, Advocate
The passage of the Affordable Care Act marks a turning point in Maryland's efforts to shift the focus of Medicaid long-term support and service dollars away from institutional settings and toward community-based settings. These initiatives demonstrate the growing collaboration among different state and local agencies and point the way toward re-balancing. This panel presentation will describe those efforts and how they are changing the long-term care landscape in Maryland, and will include the compelling personal story of a daughter who successfully transitioned her mother from a nursing home back to community living.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Culture Change: Making Person Directed Care a Reality in Maryland

Karen Schoeneman, MPA
Technical Director, Division of Nursing Homes Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Alice H. Hedt
State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Person directed care has the potential to change the lives of the residents of nursing homes and those who care for them as long-term care facilities implement changes that refocus their attention from the institution to the individual. Karen Schoeneman, a Technical Director at CMS, has been at

the forefront of these changes and has seen firsthand how quality of life has improved for residents since the start of the Pioneer Movement in 1997. Learn how government, providers, consumers and residents themselves can promote resident directed care in Maryland. This session will challenge us to think innovatively about how quality of life can be enhanced.

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Lunch - Sponsored by Evercare Hospice and Palliative Care

Individual / Organization / Student Awards
Vendor Prizes

2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Taking Charge: Avoiding and Confronting the Risks of Vulnerability in Later Life

Barbara Soniat, MSW, PhD
Center on Global Aging at the National Catholic School of Social Science
Anna E. Fowlkes
HIV / AIDS Prevention Advocate

Over the next 30 years, every county in the state of Maryland will continue to experience increases in its aging population. In most instances, this graying of the population will reflect more individuals living longer, healthier and more active lives than past cohorts of older adults. Yet, a significant number of seniors will confront physical, emotional, financial and other challenges as they age. This session will explore some of the lessons we have learned from examining the lives of vulnerable older adults (including those with HIV/AIDS, extreme hoarding behaviors, social isolation and impaired capacity for decision making), and what these experiences suggest for maximizing independence and autonomy later in life.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. “Entitlements”: Who is “Entitled” to What?

Laura Feldman, BGS / Education and Communication
Grassroots Manager, Southeastern Coordinator
The National Committee To Preserve Social Security & Medicare
Entitlements are not well defined and often maligned in the public forum. In this session we will learn how the three largest Federal programs are financed, what they do, who they impact and how they work. We will take a bipartisan look at the politics that have and will impact these programs and the challenges that must be tackled. With humor and a Washingtonian's insight, we will laugh and learn as we find politics can be a laughing matter. Attendees at this session will also understand the importance of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid in the lives of families because they are key to a secure retirement and the choices we make in our policies.

4:00 p.m. Conference Concludes

Please note that continuing education certificates will not be distributed until the conclusion of the program.

Continuing Education Accreditation

Social Work: The Maryland Gerontological Association is an approved provider of social work continuing education by the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners. This program has been approved for 5.25 Category I continuing education credits.

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Directions to Charlestown Retirement Community

• Take I-95 North or South to I 695 (Baltimore Beltway) toward Towson.

• Take Exit 12 B (East), Wilkens Avenue.

• Turn left at the first traffic light, Maiden Choice Lane.

• Proceed less than one block and turn right into Charlestown Retirement Community

• Stop at the gate and inform the security guard you are attending the MGA Conference.

• The security guard will provide parking instructions.

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(No CEUs or CNEs)

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For registration information, please call Virginia M. Thomas, President of MGA, at 410-992-7984 or email questions to mdgero@gmail.com.

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