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Listening Sessions: Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on the Disability Community

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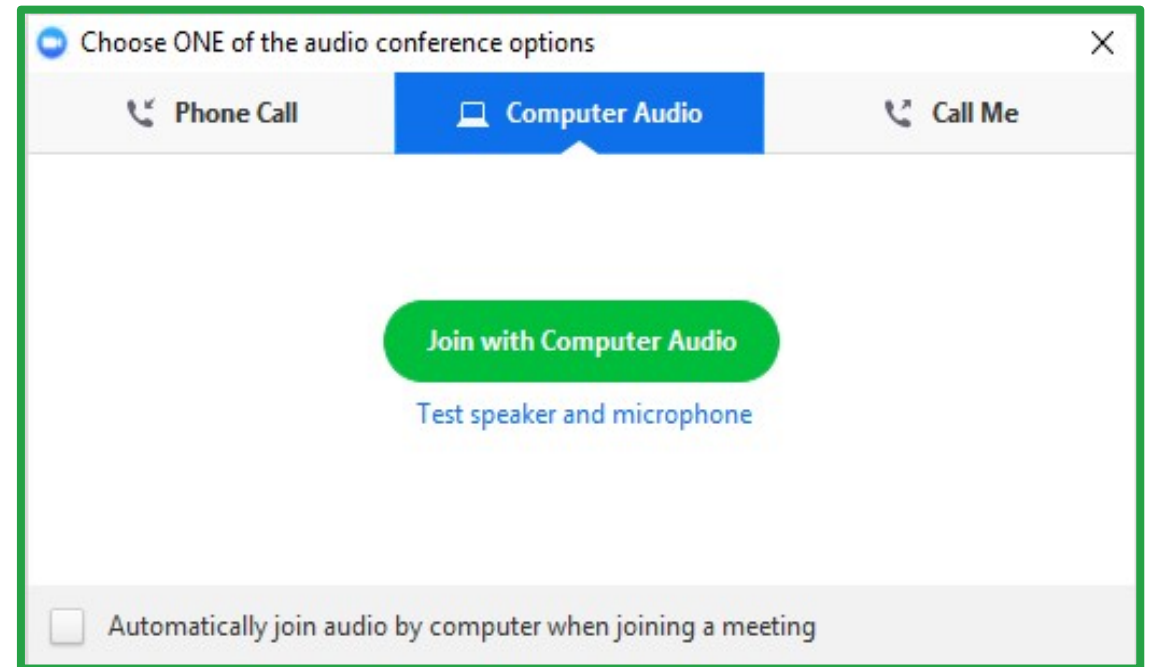
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Setting the Stage

- Seek to Understand the Impact of Coronavirus Pandemic on People with Disabilities, Their Families and Service Provider Agencies

Staff from the Office of U.S. Senator Bob Casey

Tuesday, March 24th

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Senator Bob Casey, Ranking Member

Wednesday, March 25th

Thomas Eagen
Health and Aging Fellow



Legislation to Help People with Disabilities

- [BILL S.3564](#) — 116th Congress (2019-2020) A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to **provide medical assistance for COVID-19 treatment services for individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19**, and for other purposes.
 - **Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr.** [D-PA] (Introduced 03/22/2020) Cosponsors: (1)
- [BILL S.3517](#) — 116th Congress (2019-2020) A bill to **increase the ability of nursing facilities to access to telehealth services** and obtain technologies to allow virtual visits during the public health emergency relating to an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and for other purposes.
 - Sponsor: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] (Introduced 03/18/2020) Cosponsors: (1)
- [BILL S.3544](#) — 116th Congress (2019-2020) A bill to **assist older Americans and people with disabilities affected by COVID-19**.
 - **Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr.** [D-PA] (Introduced 03/19/2020) Cosponsors: (23)
- [BILL S.3497](#) — 116th Congress (2019-2020) A bill to **provide unemployment assistance to individuals affected by COVID-19**, and for other purposes.
 - Sponsor: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI] (Introduced 03/12/2020) Cosponsors: (25)
- [BILL S.3499](#) — 116th Congress (2019-2020) A bill to **amend coverage requirements to ensure that no person incurs cost-sharing when receiving a test to confirm a COVID-19 infection**.
 - Sponsor: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN] (Introduced 03/12/2020) Cosponsors: (42)

Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)

Mark Allan Schultz
RSA Commissioner



Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
U.S. Department of Education

Administration for Community Living (ACL)

Julie Hocker

Commissioner of the Administration on Disabilities



Partnering Organizations

- Access Living
- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)
- Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE)
- Autism Society of America
- Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP)
- Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
- Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
- Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination (CPSD)
- Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR)

Partnering Organizations, cont.

- National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
- National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC)
- National Organization on Disability (NOD)
- United Spinal Association
- World Institute on Disability (WID)

Access Living

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American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)

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Autism Society of America

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON
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Public Policy Fellow



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World Institute on Disability (WID)

Marcie Roth
Executive Director and CEO




Important Resources

- Families First Coronavirus Response Act - Congressional Summary
<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/Families%20First%20summary.pdf>
- Independent Sector's Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Summary for Nonprofits <https://independentsector.org/resource/families-first-coronavirus-response-act-summary-for-nonprofits/>
- CMS Publishes First Set of COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Agencies
<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-publishes-first-set-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-faqs-state-medicaid-and-childrens-health>


Important Resources, cont'd.

- Southeast ADA Resource Page
<http://www.adasoutheast.org/coronavirus/>
- US DOL Coronavirus Resources
<https://www.dol.gov/coronavirus>
- National Disability Institute Document:
Promoting Financial Health and Resiliency for People with Disabilities and Their Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic:
<https://www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/financial-resiliency-tips.pdf>



Promoting Financial Health and Resiliency for People with Disabilities and Their Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic


The novel coronavirus, or COVID-19 pandemic, has created uncertainty for Americans' physical, mental and financial health. During this time, we must be vigilant in promoting healthy habits and resiliency. The Center for Disability-Inclusive Community Development (CDICD), managed by National Disability Institute (NDI), has developed five strategies and resources to assist you in taking steps to maintain your financial health.



Assess Your Financial Health

Assessing your financial situation and creating a plan for your financial health is an important part of preparing for and managing through a crisis.


- Create or update a spending plan: catalog.fdic.gov/system/files/4_PG.pdf. Developing a spending plan assists in understanding your financial situation.
- Look closely at your expenses. Identify any items that can be eliminated during this crisis.
- Plan ahead and put together a weekly menu and food shopping list: nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/menu-planning-and-shopping-list-2020.pdf.
- Look at your bills and prioritize which to pay. Call about bills that cannot be prioritized and ask what your options are during this crisis: consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/protect-yourself-financially-from-impact-of-coronavirus/.



Find Community Resources

Municipalities and community-based organizations are working to meet the needs of the disability community during this time.

- 2-1-1 assists individuals who are looking for resources within their community: 211.org.
- Feeding America is the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization. Locate a food bank in your area: feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline is available 24 hours a day offering free support to people experiencing emotional distress: samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline.
- The Administration on Community Living (ACL) has guidance for people with disabilities and caregivers, which includes connections to state and local resources at: acl.gov/COVID-19.

 Questions? Send an email to ask@ndi-inc.org.

APSE Alert

- REAADI for Disasters Act (HR. 3208 & S. 1755)
- Disaster Relief Medicaid Act (HR. 3215 & S. 1754)
- <https://apse.org/action-alerts-2-2/>

FRB, FDIC, OCC Issue Joint Statement on CRA Consideration for Activities in Response to COVID-19

Encourages financial institutions to meet the financial services needs of their customers and members

Working with Customers. Pursuant to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), the agencies will favorably consider retail banking services and retail lending activities in a financial institution's assessment areas that are responsive to the needs of low- and moderate-income individuals, small businesses, and small farms affected by COVID-19 and that are consistent with safe and sound banking practices. These activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Waiving certain fees, such as:
 - Automated teller machine (ATM) fees for customers and non-customers,
 - Overdraft fees,
 - Late payment fees on credit cards and other loans, and
 - Early withdrawal penalties on time deposits;
- Easing restrictions on cashing out-of-state and non-customer checks;
- Expanding the availability of other short-term, unsecured credit products for creditworthy borrowers;
- Increasing credit card limits for creditworthy borrowers;
- Providing alternative service options to customers in light of limited ability to access branches; and
- Offering payment accommodations, such as allowing borrowers to defer or skip payments or extending the payment due date, which would avoid delinquencies and negative credit bureau reporting, caused by COVID-19-related issues.

FRB, FDIC, OCC Issue Joint Statement on CRA Consideration for Activities in Response to COVID-19, cont.

Community Development Activities: In light of the declaration of a national emergency, this statement clarifies that financial institutions will receive CRA consideration for community development activities.

Qualifying activities include those that help to revitalize or stabilize low- or moderate-income geographies as well as distressed or underserved non metropolitan middle-income geographies, and that support community services targeted to low- or moderate-income individuals. Such activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Loans, investments or services that support digital access for low- and moderate-income individuals or communities;
- Loans, investments or services that support access to health care, particularly for low- and moderate-income individuals or communities;
- Economic development activities that sustain small business operations, particularly in low- and moderate-income communities; and
- Investment or service activities that support provision of food supplies and services for low- and moderate-income individuals or communities.

<https://www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2020/fil20019a.pdf>

Next Steps

- Take the Survey.
https://ndiinc.formstack.com/forms/financial_resiliency_during_corona_virus
- Please share the survey with your members.
https://ndiinc.formstack.com/forms/financial_resiliency_during_corona_virus
- Talk with members of Congress to make sure that people with disabilities and their families and service provider agencies are not left out of emergency economic stimulus legislation and appropriations.

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Closing Remarks

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