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Free webinar in the “Learning from COVID-19: Lessons from Experts in the Field of Aging” series, June 26: “Scams and Benefit Updates” plus “Caregiving During COVID-19”

TRENTON, NJ (June 19, 2020) – The New Jersey Foundation for Aging (NJFA) is hosting a free webinar in the “Learning from COVID-19: Lessons from Experts in the Field of Aging” series, taking place from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 26.

“Scams and Benefit Updates” features Charles Clarkson, Senior Medicare Patrol of NJ, and Frank Winter, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). “Caregiving During COVID-19” features Christine Newman, AARP New Jersey.

The webinar is sponsored by Archer Law Office, LLC, and AARP New Jersey. Melissa Chalker, Executive Director of the NJFA, will moderate. For more information and to register, visit njfoundationforaging.org or call 609-421-0206.

Medicare loses an estimated \$60 billion each year to fraud, errors and abuse, notes Clarkson. Every day, these issues affect countless beneficiaries nationwide. Now, with the health care crisis that’s affecting everyone, there’s a new twist to Medicare fraud: COVID-19. Clarkson will show how to protect yourself against Medicare fraud and how to detect and report it.

Winter will discuss how you can help your clients navigate Medicare enrollment and access care during the COVID-19 pandemic. He will also present information on Medicare’s resources, accessing telemedicine and preparing for “virtual open enrollment” in the fall.

Newman will explain how COVID-19 emphasizes the need for accessible telehealth services for caregivers and earned sick leave to allow workers to care for loved ones/care recipients. She will also cover questions to ask if your loved one is in a nursing home, why better transparency in nursing homes is needed, the importance of having an established caregiving plan and what elements should be in that plan.

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*The New Jersey Foundation for Aging (www.njfoundationforaging.org) is the only statewide nonprofit organization focused solely on providing leadership in public policy and education to enable older adults to live with independence and dignity in their communities. In addition to its policy leadership role, the NJFA produces the award-winning **Agging Insights**, a monthly half-hour TV program promoting dialogue on critical issues for older adults and caregivers. The show can be seen on more than 70 public-access stations and on www.njfoundationforaging.org/aging-insights. The NJFA also presents an annual conference (currently scheduled for July 24, 2020) offering development opportunities and best practices for professionals entrusted with caring for seniors.*

