

The logo for Juniper Network News features the word "Juniper" in a large, dark blue serif font. The letter "i" is replaced by a stylized blue figure of a person with arms raised. Below "Juniper", the words "Network News" are written in a smaller, orange sans-serif font. The background is a light blue gradient with a pattern of white dots of varying sizes.

Juniper

Network News

Dear Providers,

It has been a tumultuous month. Many of you have asked about how a federal grant freeze might have impacted Juniper, so I wanted to include a message about that in this newsletter. I hope the information provides some reassurance in these uncertain times.

I will be on PTO for the next week and returning on March 7th. If you need immediate assistance regarding payment or reimbursement, please contact Lauren at lpeterson@trellisconnects.org. For immediate assistance with all other questions please contact info@yourjuniper.org and Erin or Mackenzie will follow-up with you.

With appreciation,

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Addressing Concerns Regarding Federal Grants

On January 27, the Office of Management and Budget (a federal agency that oversees the implementation of the federal budget) [released a directive](#) that froze nearly all federal spending on grant and loan programs. Since then, the order was temporarily blocked by a judge and has since been rescinded. Many of you have wondered how the Juniper program might have been impacted.

Below is the list of sources for Juniper funding for providers and how they might be impacted by a federal grant freeze.

- Private philanthropy
 - 72% of grant funding
 - We do not expect this source to be impacted by a federal grant freeze.
- Health plan reimbursement
 - We do not expect this source to be impacted by a federal grant funding freeze.
 - It is unclear how possible future efforts to constrain Medicaid or Medicare spending would impact our reimbursement from health plans.
- Administration for Community Living CDSME award
 - 28% of grant funding
 - This is a federal grant and would have been impacted by a federal grant freeze.

You might also be concerned about the Juniper staff at Trellis and the impact a freeze might have on our operations to maintain our software, billing, contracting, compliance and business development infrastructure. A small percentage of Juniper staff time is covered by a federal grant, about 10%.

If a federal grant funding freeze were to occur, we would adjust budget sources and make every effort to maintain the network's operations.

I hope this information provides reassurance. Our collective priority now is to demonstrate the value we create for the broader system. Building evidence of cost savings and improved health outcomes remains essential to our work. Despite the current climate of uncertainty, we will continue our efforts to drive impact while also pursuing new revenue sources to sustain our work amid potential shifts in federal priorities. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

New Process: Attendance Verification

As part of our commitment to ensuring that services are consistently delivered in line with our shared values, the Juniper team is implementing a verification process for class attendance. This helps us confirm that we're all meeting the standards set by our network and responding effectively to potential inquiries from regulators and funders.

Every month we will be randomly selecting up to 5 classes to confirm attendance. We will reach out to you requesting a copy of your attendance log for the class. We will then randomly select 25% of participants (attended at least 1 session), up to a maximum of 15. For those participants, we will match the attendance in the MIS with the documentation that you provided. We will also confirm service delivery with a post-survey. We know that it is not always possible to collect a post-survey. If

a post-survey is not available, we will confirm attendance by contacting the participant once to collect informal feedback about the class.

Thank you for your help with this process to ensure we are ready for any inquiries from regulators and funders. To support this process, please keep your attendance records for 3 months after the class ends.

Aging Mastery Program Discontinuing

The National Council on Aging announced on January 31st to Aging Mastery Program (AMP) license holders that they will be terminating the program effective April 1st, 2025.

AMP books, logos, materials in Dropbox, and technical assistance will no longer be available after March 30th, 2025.

Juniper has not offered AMP since 2023 but still holds a license. If your organization is still offering AMP on your own, and you have questions about this change, please reach out to me directly.

New DPP Data on Cost Effectiveness

The American Diabetes Association has published a study that shows the cost-effectiveness of the National Diabetes Prevention Program. The study found that compared with non-enrollees, each NDPP enrollee had an average reduction of **\$4,552** in 2-year total direct medical costs. Read the article [here](#).

Thank you!

Thank you for all you do to help people take control of their well-being. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns you have. I speak for the Juniper team when I say we are grateful for your partnership!

