



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for January 6, 2017

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Note: This abbreviated email newsletter issue is focused on updates ahead of the next session, resources and information.

53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

Monday, January 9, 2017 is the start of the next session. In case you've missed this information, below are the names of those holding leadership roles.

House of Representatives: Speaker of the House J.D. Mesnard, House Majority Leader John Allen, House Majority Whip Kelly Townsend; House Minority Leader Rebecca Rios, House Assistant Minority Leader Randy Friese, and House Minority Whip Charlene Fernandez.

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Fiscal News

Joint Legislative Budget Committee

JLBC – *Monthly Fiscal Highlights December 2016* [HERE](#) reports “Year-to-date, ... General Fund revenues are 3.3% above the prior year and are \$65.5 million above the enacted forecast.”

Arizona Economic Trends - December 2016 [HERE](#)

Estimated Impacts of Changes to the Affordable Care Act [HERE](#)

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Tracking Legislation - The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be tracking state legislation and providing a link to the list beginning with the next issue.

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

An expanded overview will be provided in the next issue. Check active legislation on the Senate website [HERE](#).

Updates

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Other Legislation

H.R.6520

Younger-Onset Alzheimer's Disease Parity Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/8/2016 by Representative Kathleen M. Rice (NY-4)

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize services to be provided to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction who have not attained 60 years of age.

On 12/8/2016 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.6485

Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens through Workforce Advancement Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/8/2016 by Representative Matt Cartwright (PA-17)

This bill amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 to direct the Administration on Aging to carry out a program awarding grants to eligible entities to carry out six separate demonstration projects that focus on care coordination and service delivery for older individuals with chronic illness or at risk of institutional placement by: (1) designing and testing new models of care coordination and service delivery that thoughtfully and effectively deploy advanced aides to improve efficiency and quality of care for frail older individuals; and (2) giving direct-care workers opportunities for career advancement through additional training, an expanded role and increased compensation.

On 12/8/2016 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

S.3504

Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic Care Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/6/2016 by Senator Orrin G. Hatch (UT)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to implement Medicare payment policies designed to improve management of chronic disease, streamline care coordination, and improve quality outcomes without adding to the deficit.

On 12/6/2016, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

From the National Association of States United for Aging and Disability/NASUAD

Friday Updates, December 23, 2016

CMS Releases FAQs Regarding Unsafe Wandering or Exit-Seeking Behavior

On December 15, 2016, CMS released a set of FAQs that discuss strategies that are compliant with the HCBS Settings regulation and can be used to ensure the health and welfare of HCBS participants who are at risk of wandering. The long-awaited FAQs focus primarily on how person-centered planning should be used to identify appropriate restrictions while facilitating individualized activities, supports, and access to the community. CMS reiterates the person-centered planning issues throughout the entire document. Other areas of emphasis include adequate staffing to allow for various activities in and outside HCBS settings, proper staff training to identify issues and promote person-centered responses, and the establishment of programs and environments that engage participants, reduce overstimulation, and promote overall beneficiary wellness.

The FAQs address a number of important policy and operational considerations that HCBS providers should address when providing services to individuals with wandering behaviors or who are at risk of wandering.

[Click here](#) to view the FAQs.

Friday Updates, December 16, 2016

New SAMHSA Products Added to ACL Website

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has added several updates to their website. The updates include links to various Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) products including: Training for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/ No Wrong Door (NWD) staff; new epidemiological profiles for each of the 10 Health and Human Services (HHS) Regions; and the Get Connected Toolkit and video.

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The Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

FACT OF THE WEEK Monday, January 2, 2017

Almost 7 in 10 baby boomers plan to work past age 65

Among US full-time and part-time workers, “66% of Baby Boomers expect to either work past age 65 (51%) or do not plan to retire (15%),” while “55% of Generation X share these expectations including 41% who plan to work past 65 and 14% who do not plan to retire. In contrast, the majority of Millennials (60%) expect to either retire at age 65 (25%) or sooner (35%),” according to the 2016 Transamerica Retirement Survey. (p.40)

Transamerica. (2016). *17th annual Transamerica retirement survey: Influences of generation on retirement readiness*. Los Angeles: Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies. Retrieved from [this source](#).

INFORMATION& RESOURCES:

Banner Sun Health Research Institute Caregiver Education

Directions for Caregivers after the Dementia Diagnosis

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Banner Sun Health Research Institute,

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From the **Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities**

The Healthy Communities Institute [HERE](#)

Arizona Community Foundation Grant Opportunity

In the 2016-2017 year, the Arizona Community Foundation will fund organizations in service to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community through four categories: Capacity Building, Scientific Research in the area of Deafness and Hearing Loss, Project Support, and Feasibility Planning for Capital Projects. Funding is available to nonprofit organizations, schools, government and tribal entities, and religious organizations (for non-religious activities). Proposals will be accepted online at <https://www.azfoundation.org/GrantsLoans/CurrentGrantOpportunities.aspx> starting on December 12, 2016, with a deadline of 5pm on January 20, 2017. Full guidelines are available on December 12, 2016. For more information, please contact the Arizona Community Foundation's Competitive Grants Management Team at 602-381-1400 or grants@azfoundation.org.

Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders Advocates and Resources/MOLAR has two presentations on **January 13**. More information [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time...

Governor Ducey proclaimed November as the kick off to **Arizona's Call to Action in the fight against Alzheimer's disease**. The [proclamation](#) and [Calls to Action](#) as well as the original [Arizona Alzheimer's State Plan](#) are posted on the AzLinks website: <https://azdaars.getcare.com/consumer/>.

From **Kaiser News**

October 24, 2016

[Kaiser Health News: For Seniors, Teeth Need Care — But Insurance Coverage Is Rare](#)

November 7, 2016

[Kaiser Health News: Seniors Suffer Amid Widespread Fraud By Medicaid Caretakers](#)

November 14, 2016

[Kaiser Health News: Community Paramedics Work To Link Patients With Mental Health Care](#) and

[Kaiser Health News: Study: Many Caregivers Spend \\$7K Annually Out Of Pocket](#)

Ongoing Resources

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See the latest news

Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

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We're wishing you a productive and healthy 2017!

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Fiscal News

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Executive Budget Summary:

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(See page 7 for General Fund Spending Breakdown that lists recommended funding by agency with amount. Recommendations include kinship caregiving stipend, adult protective services, developmental disabilities caseload, funding related to Prop 206 and AHCCCS emergency dental services.)

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Friday Updates, January 13, 2017

NASUAD Submits Comments on CMS HCBS Request for Information

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Request for Information (RFI) regarding the Federal Government Interventions to Ensure the Provision of Timely and Quality Home and Community Based Services. The response to this RFI addresses each of the discrete questions posed by CMS.

[Click here](#) to view the comments.

[Click here](#) to view more information about the RFI.

INFORMATION& RESOURCES:

AARP Quarterly Networking Breakfast, Tuesday, January 17

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Beatitudes Campus, Luther Life Center, 1610 W. Glendale Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85021

Must RSVP at: <https://aarp.cvent.com/AZNetworkBreakfast011717>

Other dates:

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Maricopa County

EVCOA - 1st Wednesday 11:30 - 1PM EVCOA.org

Legacy Retirement Residence of Mesa

5625 E McKellips Rd Mesa 85215

WVCOA - 2nd Thursday 9:30 - 11AM WVCOA.org

Glencroft Senior Living

8641 N 67th Ave Glendale 85302

NVCOA - 3rd Thursday 9:30 - 11AM NVCOA.org

Desert Flower Senior Living

9185 E Desert Cove Scottsdale 85260

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Tuesday, January 17 was the Senate Bill Request Deadline and January 30 is the Senate Bill Introduction Deadline. February 9 is the House Bill Request Deadline and February 10 is the last day for introduction of bills.

Summary of Action

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A few bills highlighted from the [FULL List](#)

HB2209: family caregiver income tax credit – For tax years beginning 2018, an individual income tax credit is established for taxpayers who incur qualifying expenses for the care and support of family members in the taxpayer’s home. Recent action: on 1/17 referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Text of bill [HERE](#)

SB1103: appropriations; nonmedical services; aging – Makes supplemental appropriation of an unspecified amount from the general fund in FY2017-2018 to the Department of Economic Security for nonmedical home and community based services provided through the area agencies on aging. Recent action: on 1/18 referred to the Senate Health and Human Services/ Appropriations Committees.

Text of bill [HERE](#)

SB1104: appropriations; ALTCS; elderly; physical disabilities – Appropriates monies to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System for the Arizona Long-Term Care System. Recent action: on 1/18 referred to the Senate Health and Human Services; Appropriations Committees.

Text of bill [HERE](#)

SB1059: adult protective services; confidential information – The list of persons who may request that the general public be prohibited from accessing that person’s residential address and telephone number as contained in records maintained by the county, Secretary of State and Department of Transportation is expanded to include employees of the DES adult protective services. Recent action: on 1/11 referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hearing scheduled Thursday, 1/26 at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Rm. 109. Text of bill [HERE](#)

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Updates

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S.425

Veterans Homeless Programs, Caregiver Services, and Other Improvements Act of 2015

Introduced on 2/10/2015 by Senator John Boozman (AR)

Reauthorizes Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) homeless veterans reintegration program through FY2020. Includes among those for whom job training, counseling, and placement services are to be provided to expedite their reintegration into the labor force: (1) veterans participating in the VA supported housing program for which rental assistance is provided under the United States Housing Act of 1937, (2) Indians who are veterans receiving assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, and (3) veterans who are transitioning from being incarcerated.

Committee Reports S. Rept. 114-395 [HERE](#)

Other legislation

From the 115th Congress

H.R.252

Comprehensive Homes for Heroes Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/4/2017 by Representative Al Green (TX-9)

To provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

On 1/4/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.R.293

Highly Rural Veteran Transportation Program Extension Act

Introduced on 1/4/2017 by Representative Don Young (AK-At Large)

To extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans.

On 1/4/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.325

To expand and enhance existing adult day programs for younger people with neurological disease or conditions (such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, traumatic brain injury, or other similar diseases or conditions) to support and improve access to respite services for family caregivers who are taking care of such people, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

On 1/5/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for expenses for household and elder care services necessary for gainful employment.

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H.R.334

To direct the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance for individuals affected by exposure to Agent Orange, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

1/5/2017 Referred to the House Foreign Affairs.

H.R.410

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security act to exclude coverage of advance care planning services under the Medicare program.

Introduced on 1/10/2017 by Representative Steve King (IA-4)

On 1/10/2017 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce.

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To expand Medicare coverage to include eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care.

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From the 114th Congress

H.R.6520

Younger-Onset Alzheimer's Disease Parity Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/8/2016 by Representative Kathleen M. Rice (NY-4)

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize services to be provided to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction who have not attained 60 years of age.

On 12/8/2016 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.6485

Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens through Workforce Advancement Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/8/2016 by Representative Matt Cartwright (PA-17)

This bill amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 to direct the Administration on Aging to carry out a program awarding grants to eligible entities to carry out six separate demonstration projects that focus on care coordination and service delivery for older individuals with chronic illness or at risk of institutional placement by: (1) designing and testing new models of care coordination and service delivery that thoughtfully and effectively deploy advanced aides to improve efficiency and quality of care for frail older individuals; and (2) giving direct-care workers opportunities for career advancement through additional training, an expanded role and increased compensation.

On 12/8/2016 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

H.R.6481

Urban Agriculture Production Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/08/2016 by Representative Marcy Kaptur (OH-9)

To promote and enhance urban agricultural production and agricultural research in urban areas, and for other purposes. (Elderly included as part of vulnerable populations to benefit from urban agriculture production.)

On 12/08/2016 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

From the 115th Congress

S.24

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Introduced on 1/17/2017 by Senator Marco Rubio (FL)

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From the 114th Congress

S.3537

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/09/2016 by Senator Robert Menendez (NJ)

The bill authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development to make competitive grants to local governments, public housing agencies, community development corporations, assisted

housing owners and other for-profit and nonprofit entities to implement transformational programs in eligible neighborhoods with a concentration of extreme poverty, severely distressed housing, and a potential for long-term viability, once certain key problems are addressed.

Text [HERE](#)

On 12/09/2016 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

S.3504

Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic Care Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/6/2016 by Senator Orrin G. Hatch (UT)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to implement Medicare payment policies designed to improve management of chronic disease, streamline care coordination, and improve quality outcomes without adding to the deficit.

On 12/6/2016, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Budget Resolution for FY 17 - [S.Con.Res.3](#)

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From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disability/NASUAD**

Friday Updates, January 20, 2017

Webinar: Applying Promising Practices to Advance Care of Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees with Dementia

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO), in collaboration with The Lewin Group and Community Catalyst, are hosting a webinar about applying promising practices to advance care of Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with dementia. The care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias presents unique challenges to all settings of the health care delivery system. This webinar will emphasize: 1) Presentation of the business case for a dementia capable delivery model of care; 2) Review of key components of an effective care model (e.g., identification and screening for a high-risk population of beneficiaries and caregivers, workforce preparation, and collaboration with community-based organizations for caregiver assessment and support); and 3) Interventions implemented within two Medicare-Medicaid financial alignment model demonstrations.

This webinar is intended for interested leadership within health plan and PACE organizations, including directors of medical care, care management and/or long-term services and supports. It will take place on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET**. [Click here](#) to view details and register.

Legal Basics Webinar: Elder Abuse

Justice in Aging is hosting a legal basics webinar on the topic of elder abuse. The recent White

House Legal Aid report highlighted a troubling finding: one in 10 older adults and close to 50% of people with dementia are victims of elder abuse. Legal and aging network services help communities prevent elder abuse and help victims of elder abuse access services and justice. Lori Stiegel, a nationally recognized expert on older adults and elder abuse, will present a Legal Basics Webinar to help legal and aging network professionals prevent elder abuse. During this training, Lori will provide a basic overview of legal protections, information attorneys and non-attorneys need to spot and report on elder abuse and legal interventions to protect against elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Newer legal services attorneys, law students, aging and disability network professionals looking to understand the basic information about elder abuse are encouraged to attend. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

Arizona Commerce Authority Accepting Application for [Spring 2017 Arizona Innovation Challenge](#)

Arizona Rural and Public Health Policy Forum

January 25, 2017, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix

More information [HERE](#)

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Communication: Avoiding Arguments

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February 2-3, 2017, Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix

Information [HERE](#)

Mark your calendar:

4th Annual Arizona Healthy Communities Conference

March 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, AZ

Arizona's 30th Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017
Phoenix Airport Marriott

Registration [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time...

NCOA

Redesigned BenefitsCheckUp®Tool

The free web-based tool helps older adults and caregivers screen over 2,000 public and private benefits in their area. The redesign includes the ability to search for specific types of benefits. According to NCOA, the tool has helped has more than 5 million people find more than \$16 billion in benefits.

[Click here](#) to view the tool.

Ongoing Resources

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AHCCS News & Updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General’s Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

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Enjoy the rest of your weekend!
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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for January 26, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

Note: to get the most from this report, be sure to open the [links](#) throughout this issue for the latest news and information. Thank you for your interest!

***Due to staffing, this issue is being distributed early.

53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

More than 335 floor actions have been filed thus far since the last issue; ten of those are related to bills tracked by the Council.

Arizona State Senate 53rd Legislature [2017 Session Timeline](#)

Note: January 30 is the Senate Bill Introduction Deadline; February 9 is the House Bill Request Deadline and February 10 is the last day for introduction of bills.

Summary of Action

As of this time on **Day 18**, **702 bills posted**, **55 Memorials or Resolutions** and **one passed**. The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. To view that list, click [HERE](#).

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Times.

A few bills highlighted from the FULL List

HB2042: dhs; fingerprinting; requirements – Volunteers who provide medical services, nursing services, behavioral health services, health-related services or supportive services at a residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency are required to have a valid fingerprint clearance card. Recent action: on House Committee of the Whole/COW 1/26

HB2076: advanced directives registry; provider access – By December 31, 2018, the Secretary of State is required to establish in rule a process for health care providers to access the health care directives registry. Hearing: 1/26/17 at 9:00 am, House Rm. 4.

HB2336: end of life decisions; terminally ill – A “qualified patient” is permitted to make a written request for medication to end the patient’s life. Establishes a process for the request, including a requirement for it to be signed and witnessed by at least two persons who meet specified requirements. Also establishes required procedures for the attending physician and a consulting physician. Requires a 15-day waiting period and provides for effects on construction of wills and contracts. Specifies immunities and civic penalties for violations. Recent action: on 1/24/2017 referred to House Health Committee.

SB1301: family caregiver income tax credit - For tax years beginning 2018, an individual income tax credit is established for taxpayers who incur qualifying expenses for the care and support of family members in the taxpayer’s home. (See also HB2209)

Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature’s website at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers>.

Check out the *Arizona State Legislature* website: www.azleg.gov

Calendar & News link: <http://www.azleg.gov/alis-today/>

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

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- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

[JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights January 2017](#) states "Year-to-date, ...General Fund revenues are 3.0% above the prior year and are \$38.0 million above the enacted forecast."

Arizona Economic Trends January 2017 [HERE](#)

Governor's Budget page: <http://azgovernor.gov/budget>

Executive Budget Summary:

<http://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/governor/documents/executivebudget-summary.pdf>

FEDERAL UPDATE

H.R.181

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to count portions of income from annuities of a community spouse as income available to institutionalized spouses for purposes of eligibility for medical assistance, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 1/3/2017 by Representative Markwayne Mullin (OK-2)

On 1/3/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.293

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Introduced on 1/4/2017 by Representative Don Young (AK-At Large)

To extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly

rural veterans.

On 1/19/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.313

Savings for Seniors Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Marsha Blackburn (TN-7)

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to establish a Social Security Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Social Security surplus, to provide for suspension of investment of amounts held in the Account until enactment of legislation providing for investment of the Trust Fund in investment vehicles other than obligations of the United States, and to establish a Social Security Investment Commission to make recommendations for alternative forms of investment of the Social Security surplus in the Trust Fund.

On 1/5/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.325

***Adult Day Center Enhancement Act**

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

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S.46

***Strengthening Medicare Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Senator Dean Heller (NV)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program.

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Introduced on 1/10/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar

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NEWS& RESOURCES

From the **American Society on Aging/ASA**

Winter 2016-17 Generations

A Message to the President on Aging Policy [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News

January 18, 2017

Inside Hospital, Families Find Refuge With Recliners, Tissues and Cake **HERE**

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How To Make A Home Much More Friendly To Seniors Using Wheelchairs Or Walkers **HERE**

Aging topics: **<http://khn.org/topics/aging/>**

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National Institute on Aging

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University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix

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certain specified substances. Recent action: on 2/1 passed House 60-0; ready for the Senate.

House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

HB2041: dhs; health care institutions; licensure – A health care institution license issued by the Department of Health Services does not expire and remains valid unless the Dept. revokes or suspends the license, or unless the license is considered void because the licensee did not pay the licensing fee before the due date. The Director of the Dept. is authorized to establish by rule a licensing fee, including a grace period and a fee for late payments, and to establish a process for the Dept. to notify a licensee of the licensing fee due date as well as a process for the licensee to request a different due date. Recent action: House Committee of the Whole approved with amendment. Passed House 59-0; ready for Senate.

House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

HB2140: Arizona Silver-Haired Legislature – Establishes the Arizona Silver-Haired Legislature, a nonpartisan panel consisting of Arizona citizens who are at least 60 years of age and who are elected by their peers, to identify and discuss policy issues and annually submit its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. The panel terminates on July 1, 2025. Recent action: House Committee of the Whole approved.

House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

HB2209: family caregiver income tax credit – For tax years beginning with 2018, an individual income tax credit is established for taxpayers who incur “qualifying expenses” for the care and support of “qualifying family members” in the taxpayer’s home. The amount of the credit is equal to 50 percent of the qualifying expenses incurred, up to \$1,000. To qualify for the credit, the taxpayer’s Arizona gross income in the tax year cannot exceed \$75,000 for a single person or a married person filing separately, or \$150,000 for a married couple filing jointly.

Introductory Version [HERE](#)

SB1059: adult protective services; confidential information – the list of persons who may request that the general public be prohibited from accessing that person’s residential address and telephone number as contained in records maintained by the county, Secretary of State and Department of Transportation is expanded to include employees of the Department of Economic Security Adult Protective Services. Recent action: on 2/2 passed Senate 30-0; ready for the House.

Senate Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

Deadlines

Arizona State Senate 53rd Legislature [2017 Session Timeline](#)

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Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

House Appropriations Subcommittee Presentation (1/30/17) [HERE](#)

FEDERAL UPDATE

S.81

Senior Fraud Prevention Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/10/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar

This bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to establish an office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection to advise the FTC on the prevention of fraud targeting seniors and to assist the FTC in monitoring the market for mail, television, Internet, telemarketing, and recorded message telephone call (robocall) fraud targeting seniors.

The office must: (1) disseminate to seniors and their families and caregivers information on the most common fraud schemes, including methods of reporting complaints either to the FTC's national toll-free telephone number or to the FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network, where complaints become immediately available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, state attorneys general, and other appropriate law enforcement agencies; (2) provide, in response to a specific request about a particular entity or individual, publicly available information regarding the FTC's enforcement action; and (3) maintain a website as a resource for information on fraud targeting seniors.

The FTC must establish procedures through such office to: (1) log and acknowledge the receipt of complaints by individuals who believe they have been a victim of such fraud in the Consumer Sentinel Network and to make such complaints immediately available to federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities; and (2) provide individuals with information on such fraud as well as the most common schemes

On 1/24/107, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.109

Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act

Introduced on 1/12/2017 by Senator Check Grassley (IA)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

On 1/12/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee.

S.158

Let Seniors Work Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/17/2017 by Senator Marco Rubio (FL)

To eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to remove the limitation upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes.

On 1/17/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.165

Caregiver Program Information Dissemination Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/17/2017 by Senator Mike Rounds (SD)

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require an element in pre-separation counseling for members of the Armed Forces on assistance and support services for caregivers of certain veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

On 1/17/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.166

Muhammad Ali Commemorative Coin Act

Introduced on 1/17/2017 by Senator Orrin Hatch (UT)

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Muhammad Ali.

On 1/17/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Related bill: H.R.579

S.178

Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

To prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

Text [HERE](#)

On 1/20/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S.182

Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)

To provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

On 1/20/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.223

A bill to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 1/24/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

On 1/24/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

H.R.707

Health Care Choices for Seniors Act

Introduced on 1/27/2017 by Representative Marsha Blackburn (TN-7)

To amend the Social Security Act to improve choices available to Medicare eligible seniors by permitting them to elect (instead of regular Medicare benefits) to receive a voucher for a health savings account, for premiums for a high deductible health insurance plan, or both and by suspending Medicare late enrollment period between ages 65 and 70.

On 1/27/2017, Referred to House Energy and Commerce.

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Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday, 2/3/2017 Update

The Elder Justice Act: Background and Issues for Congress

On January 24, 2017, the Congressional Research Service published a report, *The Elder Justice Act: Background and Issues for Congress*. The report provides an overview of the current complexities the country faces in regards to elder abuse. The Elder Justice Act was enacted in 2010 but most of the activities and programs authorized under it have yet to be funded through the appropriation process. Included in the report are concluding observations of how Congress can act to address the growing issue of elder abuse.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

Friday, 1/27/2017 Update

Webinar: Lewy Body Dementia: The Importance of Comprehensive Care & Support

The Administration for Community Living's National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center, in collaboration with the American Society on Aging, is hosting a webinar about Lewy Body

dementia and the importance of comprehensive care and support. This webinar provides an overview of Lewy Body Dementia (LBD) and how it differs from Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's. Attendees will learn the symptoms of and treatments for LBD and how the disease affects caregivers. A person living with LBD will share first-hand experiences and compensatory strategies. Pre-registration is required for this event that will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET**. CEUs are available for attendees.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Legal Basics Webinar: Elder Abuse

Justice in Aging is hosting a legal basics webinar on the topic of elder abuse. The recent White House Legal Aid report highlighted a troubling finding: one in 10 older adults and close to 50% of people with dementia are victims of elder abuse. Legal and aging network services help communities prevent elder abuse and help victims of elder abuse access services and justice. Lori Stiegel, a nationally recognized expert on older adults and elder abuse, will present a Legal Basics Webinar to help legal and aging network professionals prevent elder abuse. During this training, Lori will provide a basic overview of legal protections, information attorneys and non-attorneys need to spot and report on elder abuse, and legal interventions to protect against elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Newer legal services attorneys, law students, aging and disability network professionals looking to understand the basic information about elder abuse are encouraged to attend. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**.

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National Eye Institute

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National Eye Health Education Program/NEHEP resources [HERE](#)

Recognizing And Rewarding Kinship Care

News Release [HERE](#)

Governor Ducey Appoints Beth Castro to Arizona-Mexico Trade Commission

News Release [HERE](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

Maricopa County Standdown for Veterans

February 9 – 11, Arizona State Fairgrounds Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 1826 W. McDowell, Phoenix AZ

For more information, call **(602) 753-8802** Additional information at the Arizona Veterans Standdown Alliance [website](#).

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Desert Willow Conference Center

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University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix

Mini-Medical School 3.0 events

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Arizona's 30th Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017

Phoenix Airport Marriott

Registration [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time...

From the **American Society on Aging/ASA**

Winter 2016-17 Generations

A Message to the President on Aging Policy [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News

January 18, 2017

Inside Hospital, Families Find Refuge With Recliners, Tissues and Cake [HERE](#)

January 26, 2017

How To Make A Home Much More Friendly To Seniors Using Wheelchairs Or Walkers [HERE](#)

Ongoing Resources

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Have a good weekend!

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A few bills highlighted from the FULL List

HB2426: community health workers, voluntary certification - Introductory version [HERE](#)

Recent action: on 2/9 referred to House Health Committee.

HB2439: home health aides; qualifications - Introductory version [HERE](#). Recent action: 2/8 referred to the House Health Committee.

HB2505: appropriation; adult protective services - In addition to any other appropriation made, the sum of \$3,000,000 and 43 FTE positions are appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2017-2018 to the department of economic security for adult protective services. Recent action: 2/9 referred to the House Appropriations Committee

SB1030: AHCCCS; covered services; occupational therapy - requires AHCCCS contractors to include occupational therapy in provided outpatient health services. Recent action: 2/9 passed Senate 26-3; ready for House.

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Full Committee Presentations (2/8/17) [HERE](#)

FEDERAL UPDATE

Updates

S.178

Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

To prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system’s response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

Text [HERE](#)

On 2/9/2017 Committee on Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

(See more information under NASUAD report in this issue.)

S.223

SeniorSafe Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/24/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

On 1/24/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.
See Congressional Record [HERE](#).

Other legislation

S.311

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for training and support services for families and caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

Introduced on 2/6/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)

On 2/6/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

S.Res.49

A resolution declaring that achieving the primary goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease of the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025 is an urgent national priority.

Introduced 2/6/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

On 2/6/2017 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

Text of the measure as introduced: CR S747-748 [HERE](#).

H.R.472

Safe Recovery and Community Empowerment Act

Introduced on 1/12/2017 by Representative Darrell E. Issa (CA-49)

To amend the Fair Housing Act to better protect persons with disabilities and communities.

On 2/6/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

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NEWS& RESOURCES

The Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University report: [Projections& Implications for Housing: A Growing Population](#).

[Kaiser Health News](#)

2/6/2017

[*Laughing Until you Die*](#)

[*Humor May Be Antidote for Pain Of Death For Patients, Survivors*](#)

By Bruce Horovitz

[*Judge Accepts Medicare's Plan To Remedy Misunderstanding On Therapy Coverage*](#)

By Susan Jaffee

2/9/2017

[Kaiser Health News: New Federal Rules Will Require Home Health Agencies To Do Much More For Patients](#)

National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2016

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[2016-update](#)

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From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday, 2/10/2017 Update

Senate Judiciary Committee Approves Elder Abuse Prevention Bill

On Thursday, February 9th, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (S. 178). The legislation creates new training requirements for Federal justice officials regarding elder abuse and exploitation, as well as requiring Federal districts to have designated staff to handle elder abuse cases. Additionally, the legislation includes new coordination and collaboration requirements, and increased penalties for individuals who target older adults for exploitation. The Elder Justice Coalition, of which NASUAD is a member, has endorsed this act. The bill will be reported to the full Senate for a potential vote in the future.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the legislation.

Hunger in Older Adults: Challenges & Opportunities for the Aging Network

Meals on Wheels of America released a new report, funded by the AARP and Caesars Foundations, titled *Hunger in Older Adults: Challenges and Opportunities for the Aging Network*. This first-of-its-kind resource explores a variety of available food assistance programs that can be used in combination to more effectively address the needs of seniors in your community. While national, state and local assistance programs often operate in isolation, it is proven that by using these programs in a coordinated way they can more effectively address the myriad of health, environmental, physical, and economic barriers to food security that many older adults face. Through best practices and actionable strategies, *Hunger in Older Adults* seeks to engage Aging Network leaders and advocates as partners to increase use of food assistance programs by older adults as this vulnerable population is set to double by 2050.

All are invited to learn more about the report, and practice models for advancing its recommendations on a webinar MOWAA is hosting on February 16, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) to view the publication. [Click here](#) to view details and register for the webinar.

Webinar: Alzheimer's and Dementia Resources You Can Use

The National Institute on Aging (NIA/NIH), the Administration for Community Living (ACL), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are hosting a webinar about Alzheimer's and dementia resources. Included in the presentation will be information about: What's new with consumer, caregiver, and professional resources on dementia, helpful resources on areas of special interest; and how the federal government is implementing the National Alzheimer's Plan, including the

overall direction of the plan and its 2017 changes. Presenters for the webinar are Tanya Friese, DNP, RN, CNL USN (Ret.), Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Educational Coordinator, Road Home Program, Rush University Medical Center; Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, Director, Institute of Gerontology and Professor of Psychology, Wayne State University; Lisa McGuire, PhD, Lead, Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, CDC; Mark Snowden, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington; and Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, MSW, Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.

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The Future of Long-Term Care

Issue Brief [HERE](#)

By Robert Espinoza

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Arizona Commission on the Arts AZ Creative Aging initiative

Create/Change: AZ Institute - 3-day intensive institute featuring presentations and workshops led by leaders in the field of creative aging.

May 22 – May 24

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Arizona Department of Health Services

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Loss of agency partner and friend

The Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging members and staff join DES Division of Aging and Adult Services staff as well as community partners in extending our sympathies and condolences to the family of David Besst.

~Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging



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HB2323: critical health information; emergency responders – sponsored by Representative

Rosanna Gabaldon, the House Summary 2/14/2017 can be found [HERE](#).
Recent action: 2/16 from House Health Committee do pass.

HB2504: public accommodation; disability; discrimination; sanctions – sponsored by Representative Maria Syms, HB2504 relates to litigation arising from violations of public accommodation and services requirements. House Summary (2/16/2017) [HERE](#) and approved amendment [HERE](#).

Recent action: 2/16 from House Judiciary & Public Safety Committee.

SB1198: public accommodation; services; civil actions – sponsored by Senator John Kavanagh, Senate Fact Sheet [HERE](#).

Recent action: 2/16 Senate Judiciary amended; report awaited. Hearing scheduled on 2/20 at 1 pm, Senate Rules, Senate Caucus Rm. 1.

SB1439: end of life; discrimination; prohibition – sponsored by Senator Nancy Barto, Senate Fact Sheet (2/13/2017) [HERE](#)

Recent action: 2/16 from Senate Health and Human Services do pass. Hearing scheduled on 2/20 at 1 pm in the Senate Rules, Senate Caucus Rm. 1.

HR2004: death resolution; David Besst – sponsored by Representative Heather Carter, the resolution text can be found [HERE](#).

The House of Representatives reconvenes on Monday, 2/20 at 10:00 a.m. Members of the public wishing to hear the reading of HR2004 can view the House proceedings in person or watch the live proceeding on the House Floor through the Arizona State Legislature's website at: http://azleg.granicus.com/Mediaplayer.php?publish_id=13.

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It was a busy week at the Governor's Office; check out the Newsroom [HERE](#).

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

Arizona Economic Trends February 2017 [HERE](#)

FEDERAL UPDATE

Updates

H.R.181

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to count portions of income from annuities of a community spouse as income available to institutionalized spouses for purposes of eligibility for medical assistance, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 1/3/2017 by Representative Markwayne Mullin (OK-2)

Latest Action: 2/7/2017 Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays:

19 – 13.

H.R.334

Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

Latest action: 2/3/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Other Legislation

S.337

Family Act

Introduced on 2/7/2017 by Senator Kristen E. Gillibrand (NY)

To provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals and for other purposes.

On 2/7/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.R.991

To require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act and to provide, in the case of elderly beneficiaries under such title, for an annual cost-of-living increase which is not less than 3 percent

On 2/9/2017 Referred to the House Education and the Workforce.

You can check active legislation [HERE](#).

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Banner Alzheimer's Institute is part of *Newsweek* 2/16/2017 feature on Alzheimer's disease [HERE](#)

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NCOA Blog – Top 10 Chronic Conditions in Adults 65+ and What You Can do to Prevent or Manage Them [HERE](#)

Falls Blogs – 18 Steps to Fall Proofing Your Home [HERE](#)

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday, 2/17/2017 Update

Webinar: Elder Justice Initiative Highlights U.S. Department of Justice's Elder Justice Website

The Elder Justice Initiative of the U.S. Department of Justice will hold a webinar that aims to help law enforcement quickly respond to elder abuse. Presenters for the webinar are Yolonda Campbell, Trial Attorney, Elder Justice Initiative, and Randy Thomas, who is a law enforcement consultant. The webinar will highlight the Department's Elder Justice website, ElderJustice.gov, as well as provide a number of different resources. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) to register.

Also: The follow excerpt is taken from the 2/17/2017 Update and highlights efforts to repeal and replace the ACA...

“The dueling plans for repeal and replace, which also include legislation introduced last month by Senators Cassidy and Collins, as well as a new proposal based on health savings accounts introduced by Senators Rubio and Hatch, are leading to confusion about the policies that will ultimately be agreed upon. Congress is on recess next week, and additional legislative work is expected during following week when the legislature reconvenes.

[Click here](#) to see the House leadership plan outlined on Thursday.

[Click here](#) to view the Rand Paul legislation.

[Click here](#) to view information on the Cassidy-Collins bill.

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INFORMATION& RESOURCES:

[Arizona Health-e Connection](#) webinar

Three-Year Strategic Plan and Expanded Governance and Community Support, February

23, 2017, 12 to 1 pm

Registration information [HERE](#)

March 20-24

American Society on Aging

Aging in America conference, Chicago IL

(Approved volunteers receive reduced rate; see <http://asaging.org/volunteer-aging-america>)

Open House: The Maricopa County Food System Coalition

March 23, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Burton Barr Library, 1221 N. Central Avenue in Phoenix

More information [HERE](#)

4th Annual Arizona Healthy Communities Conference

March 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, AZ

More information [HERE](#)

Arizona's 30th Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017 Phoenix Airport Marriott

Registration [HERE](#)

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May 22 – May 24

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[Kaiser Health News](#)

2/6/2017

[Laughing Until you Die](#)

[Humor May Be Antidote for Pain Of Death For Patients, Survivors](#)

By Bruce Horovitz

[Judge Accepts Medicare's Plan To Remedy Misunderstanding On Therapy Coverage](#)

By Susan Jaffee

2/9/2017

[Kaiser Health News: New Federal Rules Will Require Home Health Agencies To Do Much More For Patients](#)

The Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University report: **[Projections & Implications for Housing: A Growing Population.](#)**

Ongoing Resources

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Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

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Enjoy the holiday weekend!

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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

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Summary of Action

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A few bills highlighted from the FULL List

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Hearing on 3/1 at 2:00 pm, Senate Health & Human Services, Senate Rm. 1

HB2042: fingerprinting requirements – House Engrossed Version [HERE](#); Hearing on 3/1 at
2:00 pm, Senate Health & Human Services, Senate Rm. 1

HB2076: advanced directives; provider access- Requires by December 31, 2018 the Secretary of State to establish a process in rule for health care providers and emergency medical services to access the advanced directives registry; exempts the state from civil liability for providing access to information stored in the advanced directives registry; exempts state contractors from civil liability. House Summary (2/23) [HERE](#); Recent action: 2/23 passed House 60-0; ready for Senate.

HB2323: critical health information; emergency responders – permits a city, town, or country to establish a program to provide emergency responders with critical health information about program participants involved in a car accident and who are unable to communicate to first responders. House Engrossed Version [HERE](#); Recent action: 2/22 passed House 59-0; ready for Senate.

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Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights February 2017 [HERE](#)

The report states “Year-to-date, ...General Fund revenues are 3.3% above the prior year.”

House Appropriations Subcommittees Reports

Public Safety, Infrastructure & Resources [HERE](#)

Health and Welfare [HERE](#)

FEDERAL UPDATE

H.R.750

Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/30/2017 by Representative James F. Sensenbrenner Jr. (WI-5)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and revise the classification of and payment for rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.
Text [HERE](#)

On 1/30/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.R.947

Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act or Family Act

Introduced on 2/7/2017 by Representative Rosa L. DeLauro (CT-3)

To provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals and for other purposes. Advocates for paid leave for caregivers; text [HERE](#).

On 2/7/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1051

Halt Tax Increases on the Middle Class and Seniors Act

Introduced on 2/14/2017 by Representative Martha McSally (AZ-2)

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to roll back the increased income threshold for determining the amount of tax deduction for medical expenses. Currently, individual taxpayers may only deduct those medical expenses that exceed 10% of their adjusted gross income. This bill reduces that percentage to 7.5%.

On 2/14/2017, Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1114

Social Security Expansion Act

Introduced on 2/16/2017 by Representative Peter A. DeFazio (OR-4)

To enhance Social Security benefits and ensure the long-term solvency of the Social Security program. Text [HERE](#)

On 2/16/2017 Referred to the House Education and Workforce.

S.309

Community-Based Independence for Seniors Act

Introduced on 2/6/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

A bill to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

On 2/6/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ALSO:

From the **Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation**

Compare Proposals to Replace the Affordable Care Act [HERE](#)

(Note: includes key elements of the Affordable Care Act, Rep. Tom Price's Empowering Patients First Act, 2015, House Speaker Paul Ryan's A Better Way: Our Vision for a More Confident America, 2016, Senator Bill Cassidy's Patient Freedom Act, 2017, and Senator Rand Paul's Obamacare Replacement Act, 2017.)

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2016-update

Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

From AARP

Experiences with Work

Sarah Kerman and Colette Thayer, AARP Research, January 2017

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday, 2/23/2017 Update

CDC Reports Emergency Department Visit Trends Among Adults Aged 65 and Over

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has released data regarding emergency department visits for injury and illness among adults aged 65 and over in the United States, covering the years 2012-2013. Key findings included a visit rate of 12 per 100 persons for injury and 36 per 100 persons for illness. Women had a higher visit rate for injury than men, though there were no statistical differences between the two groups in the visit rate for illness. [Click here](#) to read more.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

The **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** announced their next round of grant funding.

Steps to Take:

1. [Download Grant Application](#) and read [Frequently Asked Questions](#) paperwork
2. Determine if ADDPC is a good fit for your organization
3. Carefully fill out forms
4. Attend pre-application conference on March 8 at 2 p.m. at the ADDPC office, located at 3839 N. 3rd Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, AZ 85012
5. Submit completed application to mcrane@azdes.gov on April 6, 2017 3 p.m. Phoenix time

Questions? Call grants manager Marcy Crane at (602) 542-8976 or send her an email:

mcrane@azdes.gov

Directions for Care: After the Dementia Diagnosis

March 1 from 10 am to 11:30 am

March 24 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Banner Sun Health Research Institute, 10515 W Santa Fe Drive, Morin Auditorium, Sun City AZ 85351

Registration required; call **623-832-3248** to reserve space and materials.

Finding Meaning While Living with Loss

March 15 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

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March 7, 2017

From the **Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing**

An invitation to **Day at the Capitol**.

- Learn about the Arizona deaf and hard of hearing communities.
- Visit the various hearing-related vendor tables.
- Immerse yourself in the Deaf Deaf World Exhibit.
- Be inspired by notable presenters.
- Enjoy a sponsored boxed lunch with us.
- Experience first-hand how a looping system works.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-day-at-the-capitol-tickets-31615587072>

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[Online registration](#) is now open.

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HB2042: DHS; fingerprinting requirements – exempts certain individuals who are employed by or who volunteer with a children’s behavioral health program from fingerprinting requirements. Exempts an employee or contractor who provides services to residents or patients in a residential care or nursing care institution or a home health agency from fingerprinting requirements if the person has applied for a good cause exemption and if the person is providing services under the direct visual supervision of an owner or employee who has a valid fingerprinting clearance card. Senate Fact Sheet (2/27/2017) [HERE](#); recent action: 3/7 from Senate Rules Committee okay.

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H2408: disability parking; wheelchair users – designates specified van accessible parking as *wheelchair only* spaces and outlines requirements to park in designated wheelchair only spaces. Senate Fact Sheet [HERE](#); recent action: 3/7 Senate Transportation & Technology Committee held.

S1269: pharmacists; scope of practice – relating to expanded scope of practice for pharmacists. House Summary (3/7/2017) [HERE](#); recent action: 3/9 from House Health Committee do pass.

S1441: insurers; health providers; claims arbitration – allows an enrollee of a health plan who has received a surprise out-of-network bill and who disputes the amount of the surprise out-of-network bill to seek arbitration, provided that certain criteria are met. Senate Fact Sheet (3/1/2017) [HERE](#). Hearing on 3/13 at 2 pm, House Banking and Insurance, House Rm. 5.

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FEDERAL UPDATE

Updates

American Health Care Act was rolled out on 3/7/2017. Information can be found on the House Ways and Means Committee [website](#).

National Council on Aging/NCOA Statement on the American Health Care Act posted 3/7/2017 [HERE](#)

From the **Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation**

How Affordable Care Act Repeal and Replace Plans Might Shift Health Insurance Tax Credits [HERE](#) (Updated on March 8, 2017)

Also: *Tax Credits under the Affordable Care Act vs. the American Health Care Act: An*

Interactive Map [HERE](#)

H.R.750

Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/30/2017 by Representative James F. Sensenbrenner Jr. (WI-5)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and revise the classification of and payment for rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes. Text [HERE](#)

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

S.178

Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act

Introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa on 1/20/2017

The bill is intended to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases. (similar to **S.3270** tracked during the 114th Congress) The bill has bipartisan support as evidenced by co-sponsorship. On 2/9/2017 Committee on the Judiciary ordered **S.178** to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.178 includes support for federal cases involving elder justice, establishment of best practices for local, State and Federal data collection, effective interagency coordination and Federal data collection, enhanced penalty for telemarketing and email marketing fraud directed at elders, training and technical assistance for States, interstate initiatives, court-appointed guardianship oversight activities, GAO reports, outreach to State and local law enforcement agencies, model power of attorney legislation and best practices and model legislation for guardianship proceedings. Text [HERE](#)

Related bill: S.182 Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act was introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, a **cosponsor of S.178**. S.182 provides for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009. It has been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Text [here](#). Both of these bills and [S.81](#) were included in the February 3, 2017 [issue](#) of the *Legislative Update*.

Other legislation

H.R.1316

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the Medicare prescription drug program and Medicare Advantage program to further transparency of payment methodologies to pharmacies, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 3/2/2017 by Representative Doug Collins (GA-9)

3/2/2017 Referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform

H.R.1290

Improving Access to Mental Health Act

Introduced on 3/1/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program.

On 3/1/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means

H.R.1289

Dorothy I Height and Whitney M. Young Jr., Social Work Reinvestment Act

Introduced on 3/1/2017 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

To establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues related to recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work, and for other purposes.

Text [HERE](#)

On 3/1/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.1284

Medicare Patient Access to Hospice Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/1/2017 by Representative Lynn Jenkins (KS-2)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the recognition of attending physician assistants as attending physicians to serve hospice patients, and for other purposes.

On 3/1/2017 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce

H.R.1260

Generational Residences and Nurturing Dwelling Act or the GRAND Act

Introduced on 2/28/2017 by Representative Jose E. Serrano (NY-15)

This bill establishes in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a program to provide assistance for each fiscal year to up to five eligible nonprofit organizations to expand the supply of specialized housing and social services for qualified elderly relatives, age 60 or older, who are raising a child of whom they are not a parent either by blood or marriage. Text [HERE](#)

On 2/28/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

S.445

Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 2/27/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

On 2/27/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.443

Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act

Introduced on 2/27/2017 by Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (PA)

To amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employee discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes. Text [HERE](#)

On 2/27/2016 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.427

Social Security Expansion Act

Introduced on 2/16/2017 by Senator Bernard Sanders (VT)

To enhance Social Security benefits and ensure the long-term solvency of the Social Security program. Text [HERE](#)

On 2/16/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Related bill: H.R.1114

S.353

Preserve Access to Medicare Rural Home Health Services Act of 2017

Introduced on 2/13/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

This bill amends the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to extend through 2022 the rural add-on, which is a payment increase for Medicare home health services furnished to patients in rural areas.

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Budget Resolution for FY 17 – [S.Con.Res.3](#)

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/CDC

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Disruptive Innovation in Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation

The Center for Health Care Strategies released a new issue brief which outlines the current state of Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services, including challenges and opportunities for improvement. It explores innovative alternative models being piloted by states and health plans across the country to expand NEMT options.

This brief, a product of the Complex Care Innovation Lab made possible by Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit, explores alternative transportation models piloted by states and health plans across the country, including the use of transportation network companies, such as Uber and Lyft, to augment NEMT services.

[click here](#) to read the full brief. (Direct link [HERE](#))

New Maps Based on National Study of Long-Term Care Providers

The Long-Term Care Statistics Branch (LTCSB) at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has released two new products using data from the 2014 wave of the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP). The first is a map and PowerPoint of selected characteristics of residential care communities and residents in the United States. The second set is maps of selected characteristics of adult day services centers and participants in the United States. Characteristics include center ownership and chain status; disease specific programming, practices, and revenue sources; and participant functioning, health conditions, and adverse events.

[Click here](#) view the Residential Care Communities map.

[Click here](#) to view the Adult Day Service Center map.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities

<http://www.livewellaz.org/>

Local Initiatives Support Corp./LISC

March 2, 2017

Arizona Housing Alliance/Mobile Home Working Group - *Preserving and Expanding Mobile/Manufactured Home Communities: an Affordable Housing Solution* [HERE](#)

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May 12, 2017

2017 AOHC Oral Health Summit *Launching the Future of Arizona’s Oral Health*

Wigwam Resort, 300 E. Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

More information coming soon...

May 16-17, 2017

Philanthropy Southwest - Rural Funders of the Southwest Inaugural Gathering

St. David’s Foundation Innovation Center, Austin TX

More information [HERE](#)

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Compare Proposals to Replace the Affordable Care Act [HERE](#)

(Note: includes key elements of the Affordable Care Act, Rep. Tom Price’s Empowering Patients First Act, 2015, House Speaker Paul Ryan’s A Better Way: Our Vision for a More Confident America, 2016, Senator Bill Cassidy’s Patient Freedom Act, 2017, and Senator Rand Paul’s Obamacare Replacement Act, 2017.)

[Kaiser Health News](#)

2/23/2017

Geriatricians Can Help Aging Patients Navigate Multiple Ailments [HERE](#)

From AARP

[Experiences with Work](#)

Sarah Kerman and Colette Thayer, AARP Research, January 2017

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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for **March 17, 2017**

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

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53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

Today is day 68 of the session. Friday, March 24 is the next deadline – the last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills. **April 14** is the last day for conference committees and **April 18** marks the 100th day of the session.

Summary of Action

More than 527 floor actions have been filed since the last issue; 42 of those are related to bills tracked by the Council. At this time, there are **1,057 bills posted, 47 bills passed; 19 signed, 100 Memorials or Resolutions and 14 passed**. The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. To view the web report, click [HERE](#).

NOTE: Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list ***does not*** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It ***does*** mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

Our web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills being tracked and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a

week. Be sure to *click on the bill number for more information*. This list will continue to be edited and updated throughout the session. Bill information including description, status, hearings, etc. is part of a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

Tracking list bills recently passed

H2042: DHS; fingerprinting requirements – exempts certain individuals who are employed by or who volunteer with a children’s behavioral health program from fingerprinting requirements. Exempts an employee or contractor who provides services to residents or patients in a residential care or nursing care institution or a home health agency from fingerprinting requirements if the person has applied for a good cause exemption and if the person is providing services under the direct visual supervision of an owner or employee who has a valid fingerprinting clearance card. House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

H2186: ombudsman-citizens aid; reports – requires a link to the website of the ombudsman-citizen aide to be included on certain government websites. Requires a description of the public awareness and outreach activities conducted in ombudsman-citizens aide annual report.

Bills recently signed by the Governor on the tracking list

S1327: gold star memorial – authorizes the department of administration to provide for the placement in Wesley Bolin plaza of a Gold Star memorial. House Summary (3/9/2017) [HERE](#)

Other recent action

H2076: advanced directives registry; provider access – requires the Secretary of State to establish a process for health care providers to access the Advanced Directive Registry and grants specific protections from civil liability for the state and its contractors. Senate Fact Sheet [HERE](#); Hearing: 3/22 in the Senate Health & Human Services at 2 pm, Senate Rm. 1

S1325: nursing facilities; assisted living; advertising – related to the use of compliance and certification survey results in advertisements; includes provision for prohibiting, requiring and clarifying results. Recent action: 3/16 House Committee of the Whole/COW approved

S1441: insurers; health providers; claims arbitration – allows an enrollee of a health plan who has received a surprise out-of-network bill and who disputes the amount of the surprise out-of-network bill to seek arbitration, provided that certain criteria are met. Hearing on 3/20 at 2 pm, House Banking and Insurance, House Rm. 5

Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature's website at:
<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers>.

Committee Minutes can be found at:
<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/DocumentSearch/C?SessionID=117>

Arizona State Legislature website: www.azleg.gov

Calendar & News link: <http://www.azleg.gov/alis-today/>

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

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FEDERAL UPDATE

Link to the President Trump's *America First Budget* [HERE](#)

Office of Management and Budget webpage [HERE](#)

Information on the **American Health Care Act - Congressional Budget Office** March 13, 2017
Cost Estimate [HERE](#)

Updates

H.R.1038

Improving Transparency and Accuracy in Medicare Part D Spending Act

Introduced on 2/14/2017 by Representative H. Morgan Griffith

This bill amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit Medicare Prescription Drug Plan sponsors from retroactively reducing payment on clean claims submitted by pharmacies.

Latest Action: 03/09/2017 Sponsor Introductory remarks on measure.

Other legislation

H.R.1472

Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/9/2017 by Representative James R. Langevin (R-2)

To expand eligibility for the programs of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such programs, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life and for other purposes.

On 3/9/2017 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce

H.R.1421

Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/8/2017 by Rep. Joe Courtney (CT-2)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare and for other purposes.

On 3/8/2017 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce.

H.R.1251

CPI-E Act of 2017

Introduced on 2/28/2017 by Representative John Garamendi (CA-3)

To provide for the cost-of-living increases for certain Federal benefits programs based on the increases in the Consumer Price Index for the elderly.

On 2/28/2017 Referred to the House Armed Services

H.R.1189

Anti-hunger Empowerment Act of 2017

Introduced on 2/16/2017 by Representative Jose Serrano (NY-15)

This bill reduces administrative requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP – formerly known as the food stamp program), authorizes funding to increase access to SNAP offices, and authorizes grants for community-based nonprofits to expand anti-hunger activities. Text [HERE](#)

On 3/10/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.

H.Res.160

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish a Permanent Select Committee on Aging

Introduced on 3/1/2017 by Representative David N. Cicilline (RI-1)

On 3/1/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Rules.

S.547

Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/7/2017 by Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand (NY)

To prevent mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors in the U.S., to promote efforts to increase public awareness of the enormous impact that mail, telemarketing and Internet fraud have on seniors, to educate the public, seniors, their families, and their caregivers about how to identify and combat fraudulent activity, and for other purposes.

On 3/7/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

S.461

Faith-Based Community Center Protection Act

Introduced on 2/27/2017 by Senator Martin Heinrich (NM)

To allow Homeland Security Grant Program funds to be used to safeguard faith-based community centers across the United States, and for other purposes.

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Aging Statistics [HERE](#)

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To read NASUAD's summary of the legislation [click here](#).

President Trump Releases Budget Blueprint for 2018

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Highlights include:

- A \$15.1 billion decrease in funding for Health and Human Services funding
 - No details on ACL funding were included
- Proposed elimination of the following programs
 - SCSEP - Senior Community Service Employment Program
 - CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

- LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

[Click here](#) for NASUAD's full analysis.

Webinar: Money Smart for Older Adults: Prevent Financial Exploitation

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Tracking list bills recently passed

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S1269: pharmacists; scope of practice – related to expanded scope of practice for pharmacists. Recent action: 3/23 passed House 54-1; ready for the Governor.

Bills recently signed by the Governor on the tracking list

H2042: DHS; fingerprinting requirements – exempts certain individuals who are employed by or who volunteer with a children’s behavioral health program from fingerprinting requirements. Exempts an employee or contractor who provides services to residents or patients in a residential care or nursing care institution or a home health agency from fingerprinting requirements if the person has applied for a good cause exemption and if the person is providing services under the direct visual supervision of an owner or employee who has a valid fingerprinting clearance card.

H2186: ombudsman-citizens aid; reports – requires a link to the website of the ombudsman-citizen aide to be included on certain government websites and requires a description of the public awareness and outreach activities conducted in ombudsman-citizens aide annual report.

S1325: nursing facilities; assisted living; advertising – related to the use of compliance and certification survey results in advertisements; includes provision for prohibiting, requiring and clarifying results.

S1327: gold star memorial – authorizes the department of administration to provide for the placement in Wesley Bolin plaza of a Gold Star memorial.

Other recent action

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H.R.1628

American Health Care Act of 2017

Introduced on Monday, 3/20/2017 by Representative Diane Black (RN-6)

Text [HERE](#)

Today - the bill was pulled by the Speaker prior to the planned vote.

Related to H.R.1628

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD

NASUAD's updated analysis of the AHCA is available [here](#). (Direct link [HERE](#))

Information on the legislation, including bill text and amendments, is available [here](#).

National Council on Aging/NCOA Blog regarding AHCA [HERE](#)

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System/AHCCCS Summary of AHCA Impacts
(3/17/2017) [HERE](#)

Updates

S.178

Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

Text [HERE](#)

Latest Action: On 3/23/2017 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.
Calendar No. 23.

H.R.1472

Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/9/2017 by Representative James R. Langevin (R-2)

To expand eligibility for the programs of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such programs, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life and for other purposes.

On 3/9/2017 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce

Related bill: [S.591](#)

S.547

Senior Financial Empowerment Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/7/2017 by Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand (NY)
To prevent mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors in the U.S., to promote efforts to increase public awareness of the enormous impact that mail, telemarketing and Internet fraud have on seniors, to educate the public, seniors, their families, and their caregivers about how to identify and combat fraudulent activity, and for other purposes.
On 3/7/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

Other legislation

H.R.1652

Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/21/2017 by Joseph P. Kennedy III (MA-4)
To provide for the regulation of over-the-counter hearing aids.
Text [HERE](#)

On 3/21/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.1631

Save Social Security Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/20/2017 by Representative Charlie Crist (FL-13)
To amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the portion of wages and self-employment income subject to payroll taxes, and for other purposes.
On 3/20/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1621

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to distribute additional information to Medicare beneficiaries to prevent health care fraud, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 3/17/2017 by Representative Raul Ruiz (CA-36)
On 3/17/2017 Referred to House Ways and Means.

H.R.1618

S.O.S. Veterans Caregivers Act

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To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that caregivers for veterans with serious illnesses are eligible for assistance and support services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes
On 3/17/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1600

Veterans Back to Work Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/17/2017 by Representative Ted Poe (TX-2)
To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the work opportunity tax credit for veterans and to allow an exemption from an employer's employment taxes in an amount equivalent to the value of such credit in the case of veterans.
On 3/17/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1369

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Text [HERE](#)

H.R.1361

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

Introduced on 3/2/2017 by Representative Lee M. Zeldin (NY-1)

On 3/2/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.Res.204

Declaring support for Brain Awareness Week

Introduced on 3/16/2017 by Representative Earl Blumenauer (OR-3)

Text [HERE](#)

ON 3/16/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S.663

Veterans Choice Program Resolution Act

Introduced on 3/15/2017 by Senator John Thune (SD)

To establish the position of Choice Program Ombudsman within the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to manage complaints regarding the provision of hospital care and medical services under section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2017.

On 3/15/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

S.464

Independence at Home Act of 2017

Introduced on 2/28/2017 by Senator Edward Markey

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a permanent Independence at Home medical practice program under Medicare program.

Text [HERE](#)

On 2/28/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Budget Resolution for FY 17 – [S.Con.Res.3](#)

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National Council on Aging/NCOA

Community Malnutrition Resource Hub [HERE](#)

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday, 3/24 /2017 Update

No Wrong Door: Person- and Family-Centered Practices in Long-Term Services and Supports

On March 20, 2017, The AARP Public Policy Institute in collaboration with The Lewin Group and the U.S. Administration for Community Living released No Wrong Door: Person- and Family-Centered Practices in Long-Term Services and Supports and Checklist.

No Wrong Door Systems involve several organizations including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, and state agencies such as Medicaid agencies and state units on aging. This paper provides concrete examples of how seven No Wrong Door Systems are promoting person- and family-centered practice. This resource includes a toolkit of resources and contacts for states to learn more and replicate these practices. A checklist also provides a roadmap for states to ensure that No Wrong Door Systems operate in a person- and family-centered way. This paper is the first in a series of promising practices and emerging innovations reports. This series is a new feature of the upcoming, 3rd Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Scorecard. The LTSS Scorecard measures state-level performance of LTSS systems that assist older people, adults with disabilities, and their family caregivers.

To learn more, [click here](#).

Webinar: Money Smart for Older Adults: Prevent Financial Exploitation

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) are hosting a webinar on preventing elder financial exploitation aimed at older adults and family caregivers.

The webinar will take place on Thursday, March 30, 2017, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) to register.

SSI Fact Sheet

Justice in Aging has released a new fact sheet on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) that offers information for SSI to advocates working to educate policymakers and their communities about the importance of the program.

[Click here](#) to read the fact sheet.

Oral Health America – Wisdom Tooth Project® [HERE](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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Caregiver Day at the Capitol

11:30 – 2:00 pm (lunch provided to registered attendees)

Arizona Capitol Museum , 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix AZ,

Room #200

Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/htzxbhr>

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April 9-11, 2017

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Marriott; Registration [HERE](#)

Friday, April 21

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Plaza Arboleda Conference Center in Tucson AZ

[Online registration](#)

Mark your calendar

May 12, 2017

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Wigwam Resort, 300 E. Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

More information coming soon...

In case you missed it last time...

National Council on Aging/NCOA latest news [HERE](#)

Statement on the Trump Administration Budget Blueprint [HERE](#)

Statement on the American Health Care Act [HERE](#)

Administration for Community Living/ACL

A Profile of Older Americans 2016 is available online at:

https://aoa.acl.gov/Aging_Statistics/Profile/index.aspx

Aging Statistics [HERE](#)

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation March 15, 2017

***Restructuring Medicaid in the American Health Care Act: Five Key Considerations* [HERE](#)**

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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 30, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

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Other legislation

H.R.1676

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To amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredit allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

On 3/22/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.1251

CPI-E Act of 2017

Introduced on 2/28/2017 by Representative John Garamendi (CA-3)

To provide for the cost-of-living increase for certain Federal benefits programs based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for the elderly.

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S.705

A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly or individual with disabilities, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 3/23/2017 by Senator Orrin Hatch (UT)

On 3/23/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.694

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the standard charitable mileage rate for delivery of meals to elderly, disabled, frail and at risk individuals.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Elder Justice Initiative [HERE](#)

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Encore.org; second acts for the greater good

The Encore Prize; Generation to Generation Challenge & Prize [HERE](#)

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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for April 7, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

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53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

Both the Senate and the House are adjourned until Monday, April 10, 2017.

Next deadlines: Friday, April 14 is the last day for conference committees and **Tuesday, April 18** marks the **100th day of the session**.

Summary of Action

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Highlighted bills recently signed by the Governor

H2041: DHS; health care institutions; licensure – eliminates renewal licensure for health care institutions and requires the Department of Health Services Director to establish rules regarding the payment and late payment of licensing fees. Modifies information and documentation required to be submitted by an applicant for licensure as a health care institution.

H2176: mobile home relocation; long-term RVS – raises maximum individual Mobile Home Relocation Fund disbursements for mobile homes and extends Fund relief to recreational vehicles.

H2307: controlled substances prescription monitoring program - modifies the process for medical practitioner to gain access to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program central database tracking System and requires a person who is authorized to access the CSPMP database to do so using only the person’s assigned identifier. Allows data collected from the CSPMP database to be used for the purpose of performing drug utilization review for controlled substances. Increases the amount of money that may be transferred annually from the Arizona Board of Pharmacy Fund to the CSPMP Fund from \$395,795 to \$500,000.

Other recent action

S1435: osteopaths; fingerprinting – relating to background checks and licensure for medical professionals. Recent action: 4/6 House Committee of the Whole approved with amendment #4708 and floor amendment #4949. House Summary (4/6/2017) [HERE](#)

S1452: health profession regulatory boards – relating to health regulatory boards. Recent action: 4/6 House Committee of the Whole approved with amendment #4852 and floor amendment #4951. House Summary (4/6/2017) [HERE](#)

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FEDERAL UPDATE

H.R.1628 American Health Care Act (AHCA) – House Rules Committee amended; H.Rept. 115-88 [HERE](#)

(Providing for further consideration of the bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to Title II of

the Concurrent Resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2017) Sec. 2205 Federal Invisible Risk Sharing Program

H.R.1845

Seniors' Health Care Choice Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/30/2017 by Representative Lloyd Smucker (PA-16)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to facilitate the transition to Medicare for individuals enrolled in group health plans, and for other purposes.

3/30/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.R.1834

Cancer Care Payment Reform Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/30/2017 by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a national Oncology Medical Home Demonstration Project under Medicare program for the purpose of changing the Medicare payment for cancer care in order to enhance the quality of care and to improve cost efficiency, and for other purposes.

3/30/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.R.1828

Rural Access to Hospice Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/30/2017 by Representative Lynn Jenkins (KS-2)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payments for certain rural health clinic and Federally-qualified health center services furnished to hospice patients under the Medicare program.

3/30/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1825

Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/30/2017 by Representative Chris Collins (NY-27)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

3/30/2017 Referred to House Energy and Commerce.

H.R.1821

DELIVER Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/30/2017 by Representative Joe Barton (TX-6)

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase the standard mileage rate for the tax deduction for the charitable use of a passenger automobile to deliver meals to homebound individuals who are elderly, disabled, frail or at risk. The bill increases the rate from the standard charitable rate of 14 cents to the standard business mileage rate, which is 53.5 cents per mile for 2017.

3/30/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Related bill: [S.694](#)

H.R.1780

Senior Accessible Housing Act

Introduced on 3/29/2017 by Representative Charlie Crist (FL-13)

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a nonrefundable personal tax credit for senior citizens who modify their residences to enhance their ability to remain living safely, independently, and comfortably in the residence.

The credit applies to up to \$30,000 of the expenses that individuals who are at least 60 years old incur over their lifetime to make modifications to their residences, including: the installation of entrance and exit ramps, the widening of doorways; the installation of handrails or grab bars, the installation of non-slip flooring, and other modifications that the IRS includes on a list of modifications that would enhance the ability of the individuals to remain living safely, independently and comfortably in their residences. The IRS must establish and maintain the list of acceptable modifications after consulting with the Department of Health and Human Services and receiving input from the public.

3/29/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1740

Faith-Based Community Center Protection Act

Introduced on 3/27/2017 by Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM-1)

To allow Homeland Security Grant Program funds to be used to safeguard faith-based community centers across the United States, and for other purposes.

Latest action: On 4/6/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

S.J.Res.39

A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States

Introduced on 3/30/2017 by Senator Joe Donnelly (IN)

Text [HERE](#) (Section 6 and 7)

3/30/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Budget

Link to the **President Trump's America First Budget** [HERE](#)

Office of Management and Budget webpage [HERE](#)

NCOA Blog / Public Policy & Action April 3, 2017

Straight Talk for Seniors®: Federal Funding for Aging Services [HERE](#)

Note: The recess from April 8 – 23 may be a good time to reach your Representative and Senators at the local level.

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[Senate](#) members

Check active (federal) legislation any time [HERE](#).

On Thursday, the Senate voted 52-48 to eliminate option to filibuster Presidential Nominees to

Supreme Court. Referred to as invoking the “nuclear option” in the Senate, Supreme Court nominees can now be approved by majority, or 51 votes.

President Trump’s Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch was confirmed today, 4/7/2017.

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Kaiser Health News

Boomerang Seniors: Aging Adults Move To Be Near Mom Or Dad [HERE](#)

Sharon Jayson, April 3, 2017

To Help Ward Off Alzheimer’s, Think Before You Eat [HERE](#)

Judith Graham, April 6, 2017

2017 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures: <http://alz.org/facts/>

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National Alzheimer’s Project Act updated information can be found at:

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Alzheimer’s website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD

Friday Updates, March 31, 2017

ReFraming Aging Toolkit

The FrameWorks Institute has released the ReFraming Aging Toolkit. A group of leading national aging organizations and funders commissioned the FrameWorks Institute to conduct an empirical investigation into the communications aspects of aging issues. The toolkit provides several resources, including an approach to changing public thinking about aging in America, original research on communication strategies on aging issues, and useful materials and tools to enhance and advance the conversation about older people.

In the future, the FrameWorks Institute will also be releasing the Reframing Elder Abuse Toolkit.

[Click here](#) to view the toolkit.

Friday Updates, April 7, 2017

Webinar: Using Community Health Workers and Volunteers to Reach Complex Needs Populations

Health care delivery systems are increasingly incorporating alternative roles into care teams, including community health workers, volunteers, neighborhood navigators, community paramedics, or pharmacists, so that systems can better serve individuals with complex medical and social needs.

Join CHCS on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET** for the first webinar in a three-part webinar series that will explore emerging innovations in the complex care workforce. This webinar will discuss strategies for integrating community health workers and volunteers into care teams that serve high-need, high-cost individuals in both rural and urban environments. State health officials, providers, health plans and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

View more information [here](#).

From The Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

FACT OF THE WEEK, April 4, 2017

4 in 10 workers expect to retire at 70 or beyond

“Nearly 4 in 10 (38%) of workers expect to retire at 70 or beyond, while only 4% of retirees report this was the case. Just 9% of workers say they plan to retire before age 60, compared with 39% of retirees who report they retired that early. 17% of workers say they plan to retire between the ages of 60 and 64, although 38% of retirees say they retired in that age range,” according to the EBRI 2017 Retirement Confidence Survey. (p. 19, fig.26)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

April 9-11, 2017

Arizona’s 30th Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT Phoenix Airport Marriott; Registration [HERE](#)

Friday, April 21

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More information [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time...

U.S. Department of Justice

Elder Justice Initiative [HERE](#)

Resource topics: Victims, Families & Caregivers; Financial Exploitation – Federal Resource Roadmap, Senior Scam Alert; Prosecutors – Law Enforcement; Victim Specialists – Victims’ Rights, Federal Webinars, Get Involved, Get Safe; Research & Related Literature

Kaiser Health News

‘Pre-Hospice’ Saves Money By Keeping People At Home Near The End of Life [HERE](#)

Aging-related stories at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

State Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

Monthly Fiscal Highlights March 2017 [HERE](#)

March 7th Baseline-Executive Spreadsheet Comparison [HERE](#)

Arizona Economic Trends March 2017 [HERE](#)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor’s Office**

See the latest news

Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

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AHCCS News & Updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General’s Latest News [HERE](#) and Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Latest News [HERE](#)

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.

More information [HERE](#)

Just in case

If you wish to share our tracking list, here is the link to the web report.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25801&listid=61524&print=true>

Past issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

It is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* at least every other week during the session.

Enjoy your weekend!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



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Highlighted bills

H2076: advanced directives registry; provider access – requires the Secretary of State to establish a process for health care providers to access the Advanced Directive Registry and grants specified protection from civil liability for the state and its contractors. Recent action: passed Senate 29-0; ready for the Governor.

S1406: public accommodation; services; civil action – relating to litigation arising from violations of public accommodation and services requirements. Recent action: 4/13 House Committee of the Whole approved with amendment #4910 and floor amendment #4982. Note short title change. Passed House 38-20; ready for Senate action on House amendments.

In House Third Reading on 4/17 next week:

S1435: osteopaths; fingerprinting

S1452: health profession regulatory boards

Memorials and resolutions passed

HCR2021: suicide prevention month – a concurrent resolution proclaiming September 2017 as suicide prevention month. House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

HCR2025: hidden heroes day; military caregivers – a concurrent resolution expressing support for military and veteran caregivers and proclaiming May 20, 2017 as hidden heroes day in Arizona. House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

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FEDERAL UPDATE

Updates

H.R.1472

Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/9/2017 by Representative James R. Langevin (RI-2)

This bill expands eligibility for the family caregiver program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to include members of the Armed Forces or veterans who are seriously injured or who became ill on active duty prior to September 11, 2001 (currently, limited to service after September 11, 2001).

Services to caregivers of veterans under such program are expanded to include child care services, financial planning services, and legal services.

The bill terminates the support program for caregivers of covered veterans on October 1, 2022, except that any caregiver activities carried out on September 30, 2022, shall be continued on and after October 1, 2022.

The bill authorizes the transfer of entitlement to post 9/11 education assistance to family members by veterans who are retired for a physical disability or who are seriously injured veterans in need of family caregiver services, without regard to length-of-service requirements.

The VA is authorized to pay monthly special compensation to seriously injured or ill veterans in need of personal care services and to their caregivers.

Flexible work schedules or telework are authorized for federal employees who are caregivers of

veterans.

The Public Health Service Act is amended to designate a veteran participating in the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers as an adult with a special need for purposes of the lifespan respite care program.

An interagency working group is established in the executive branch to review and report on policies relating to the caregivers of veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

The VA shall provide for studies on members of the Armed Forces who commenced service after September 11, 2001, and veterans who have incurred a serious injury or illness, including a mental health injury, and their caregivers.

Latest Action: 4/5/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Other legislation

S.903

A bill to amend the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Service Act of 2010 to extend and expand the pilot program on the use of community-based organizations and local and State government entities to ensure that veterans receive care and benefits for which they are eligible and for other purposes.

Introduced on 4/7/2017 by Senator Tom Udall (NM)

4/7/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

S.892

A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to establish additional requirements for prescribers of opioids, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 4/7/2017 by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand; Senator John McCain cosponsor.

4/7/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

S.872

A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payment under the Medicare low-volume hospital program

Introduced on 4/6/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

4/6/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.870

A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Act to implement Medicare payment policies designed to improve management of chronic disease, streamline care coordination, and

improve quality outcomes without adding to the deficit.

Introduced on 4/6/2017 by Senator Orrin Hatch (UT)

4/6/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.787

Telehealth Innovation and Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 3/30/2017 by Senator Cory Gardner (CO)

To require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test the effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models.

3/30/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

H.R.2066

To prevent abusive billing of ancillary services to the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 4/6/2017 by Representative Jackie Speier (CA-14)

4/6/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means

H.R.2050

To provide for a Medicare demonstration project to evaluate the fiscal impact of covering low vision devices as durable medical equipment under part B of Medicare program

Introduced on 4/6/2017 by Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12)

4/6/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means

H.R.1995

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for national testing of a model of Medicare Advantage value-based insurance design to meet the needs of chronically ill Medicare Advantage enrollees.

Introduced on 4/6/2017 by Representative Diane Black (TN-6)

4/6/2017 Referred to House Energy and Commerce

H.R.1953

Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2017

Introduced on 4/5/2017 by Representative Erik Paulsen (MN-3)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

4/5/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means

H.R.1910
Support Our Military Caregivers Act

Introduced on 4/5/2017 by Representative Elise M. Stefanik (NY-21)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process of determining the eligibility of caregivers of veterans to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

4/5/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

H.R.1902
Social Security 2100 Act

Introduced on 4/5/2017 by Representative John B. Larson (CT-1)

To protect our Social Security system and improve benefits for current and future generations.

4/5/2017 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce

Governor Ducey's news release regarding S.892 , legislation by Senators McCain and Gillibrand [HERE](#)

Budget

S.Con.Res.3 January 13, 2017 [HERE](#)

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NEWS& RESOURCES

[Kaiser Health News](#)

[Real, Replace ... Revise: Your guide To How A Trump Proposal Might Change ACA Insurance](#)

Julie Appleby, April 13, 2017

Ageing related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

National Healthcare Decision Day is now a week long; the theme is “**It always seems too early, until it’s too late.**”

Thoughtful Life Conversations website sponsored by the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association [HERE](#)

2017 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures: <http://alz.org/facts/>

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Recent blogs:

[9 Free Resources to Take Control of Your Money](#) (4/13/2017)

[SSI vs. SSDI: What Are These Benefits and How Do They Differ?](#) (4/6/2017)

by: Brandy Bauer

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD

Friday Updates, April 14, 2017

Breaking Stereotypes: Spotlight on Male Family Caregivers

A new report from the AARP Public Policy Institute reports that the *Caregiving in the U.S. 2015* survey found that 40% of family caregivers in the United States are men. The report [Breaking Stereotypes: Spotlight on Male Family Caregivers](#) describes who the male family caregivers are, the range of caregiving tasks they provide, and their experiences and challenges.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Morrison-Cronkite News poll underscores opioid crisis in Arizona press release [HERE](#)

Report [HERE](#)

Banner Sun Health Research Institute

April 19 from 10 – 11 am, Activities: Filling the Day with Meaning and Purpose

May 3 from 10 am – 12:00 pm, Planning Ahead

May 10 from 10 – 11:30 am, Communications: Avoiding Arguments

May 12 from 9:00 am to Noon, *Free Memory Screening* (appointment required)

All events at Banner Sun Health Research Institute, 10515 West Santa Fe, Sun City AZ 85351

To register, call **623-832-3248**

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[Online registration](#)

Parkinson's Information at the Valley of the Sun JCC

April 21, 2017 Parkinson's Education Day, 9 am to NOON

April 27, 2017, Parkinson's Health & Fitness Day, Noon to 1:15 pm

Both events are being held at the Valley of the Sun JCC, 12701 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85254. **Registration is free but recommended; call 1-877-728-5414.**

April 28, 2017

Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter *Connecting the Dots*

Central Phoenix Education Conference at Scottsdale Bible Church, 7601 East Shea Blvd., Scottsdale AZ 85260

More information at: <http://act.alz.org/site/Calendar?id=124275&view=Detail>

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Sharon Jayson, April 3, 2017

To Help Ward Off Alzheimer's, Think Before You Eat [HERE](#)
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53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session has ended.

The session adjourned sine die May 10th at 6:58 p.m. Summary for the session: **1,079 bills posted, 353 bills passed, 5 vetoed, 304 signed; 101 Memorials or Resolutions posted and 42 passed.** (Note: following adjournment, the Governor has ten days following to sign, veto or allow the bill to become law without his signature.) Pending are the budget bills that have been added to the **FULL List** web report (below) SB1523 – SB1531 and HB2540, HB2545, HB2547.

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Signed by the Governor since the last issue

H2076: advanced directives registry; provider access – requires the Secretary of State to establish a process for health care providers to access the Advanced Directive Registry and grants specified protection from civil liability for the state and its contractors. Fact sheet [HERE](#)

S1406: public accommodation; services; civil action – modifies the litigation process for alleged violations covered under the Arizona Americans with Disability Act. Fact sheet [HERE](#)

S1435: osteopaths; fingerprinting – requires applicants for licensure to submit to the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners a full set of fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check, as outlined. Requires applicants for expedited licensure through the Medical Licensure Compact to submit fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check. Requires an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist and an applicant for certification as a physical therapist assistant to obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card.

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NOTE: A wrap-up report will be provided at a later date once we've had a chance to get through all the final information.

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Other legislation

S.1044

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Introduced on 5/4/2017 by Senator Shelley Moore Capito (WV)

5/4/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.1028

A bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 5/3/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

5/3/17 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

S.980

Rural Access to Hospice Act of 2017

Introduced on 4/27/2017 by Senator Shelley Moore Capito (WV)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payments for certain rural health clinic and Federally qualified health center services furnished to hospice patients under the Medicare program.

4/27/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.967

Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention, and Reform Act of 2017

Introduced on 4/27/2017 by Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes.

4/27/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.913

Senior Home Modification Assistance Initiative Act

Introduced on 4/24/2017 by Senator Angus S. King Jr. (ME)

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish an initiative carried out by the Assistant Secretary for Aging, to coordinate Federal efforts and programs for home modifications enabling older individuals to live independently and safely in a home environment, and for other purposes.

4/24/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

H.R.2290

Family-Based Care Services Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/2/2017 by Representative Rosa L. DeLauro (CT-3)

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic family care services in Medicaid.

5/2/2017 referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.2276

Audiology Patient Choice Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/1/2017 by Representative Tom Rice (SC-7)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide treatment of audiologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing audiology services under the Medicare program, to improve access to the audiology services available for coverage under Medicare program and to enable beneficiaries to have their choice of a qualified audiologist to provide such services, and for other purposes.

5/1/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means

NOTE: Thursday, April 27, 2017 Senate Special Committee on Aging Hearing – *Aging Without Community: The Consequences of Isolation and Loneliness* included Mark Clark, President and CEO of Pima Council on Aging. More information [HERE](#)

ALSO:

Link to the **President Trump’s America First Budget** [HERE](#)

Office of Management and Budget webpage [HERE](#)

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[Kaiser Health News](#)

May 11, 2017 - *CMS Gives States Until 2022 To Meet Medicaid Standards on Home and Community-Based Care* [HERE](#)

April 20, 2017 - *How To Help Alzheimer’s Patients Enjoy Life, Not Just ‘Fade Away’* [HERE](#)

April 18, 2017 - *Sen. Grassley Demands Scrutiny of Medicare Advantage Plans* [HERE](#)

Aging related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

May is Older Americans Month and the **Administration for Community Living** has resources to help celebrate. ACL website [HERE](#) and materials [HERE](#)

United States Census Bureau Facts for Features: Older Americans Month: May 2017 [HERE](#)

2017 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures: <http://alz.org/facts/>

Note: *Full Report* and *Infographic* available at the link provided.

National Alzheimer’s Project Act updated information can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>.

Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD *Friday Updates, May 5, 2017*

Congress Passes FY2017 Appropriations Bill

This week, the House and Senate passed an appropriations bill that will fund the Federal government through the end of Fiscal Year 2017 and avert a potential government shutdown. FY2017 runs through September 30, 2017. The legislation deals with discretionary programs, not mandatory spending, and therefore does not impact programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Social Security.

The appropriations bill set funding levels for a number of services that are important to aging and disability services. Several programs within the Administration for Community Living (ACL) received funding increases, including:

- Senior Nutrition. Over the past several years, nutrition has received some substantial increases. This appropriations bill includes modest increases for both congregate (\$2 million increase) and home delivered meals (\$1 million increase);
- HCBS Supportive Services. This program was funded at \$350 million, which is a \$2.5 million increase from FY2016 levels;
- Elder Rights and Adult Protective Services. Congress has again provided funding increases for these activities, increasing the appropriations by \$2 million to a total of \$13.87 million; and
- Supports for Aging Services to Native Americans.

The National Institutes of Health also received substantial funding increases for research and support on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. The appropriations bill provides nearly \$1.4 billion, a \$400 million increase, which includes funding for dementia care and services research along with biomedical research.

Unfortunately, the legislation also includes several notable and substantial reductions to programs under ACL and the Older Americans Act. This includes programs previously targeted for cuts, at the following amounts:

- \$34 million reduction to SCSEP from a total of \$434 million to \$400 million, representing a nearly 8% cut to the program;
- \$5 million of reduced funding for SHIP to \$47 million, which is a 9.6% reduction.

The legislation also proposes several cuts to TA centers, such as the limb loss resource center (-

\$300,000) and the paralysis resource center (-\$1 million).

For more information on the appropriations bills and a summary of funding levels, visit: <http://www.nasuad.org/policy/federal-advocacy/advocacy-alerts/fv2017-appropriations-bill-analysis>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Proposed Rules Regarding Payment Rates

On **April 27, 2017**, the Centers for Medicare& Medicaid Services (CMS) released three proposed rules regarding payment rates for a number of different providers, including rehabilitation hospitals, nursing facilities, and hospices. Skilled nursing facilities would receive a \$390 million increased in 2018, or approximately 1 percent greater than this year. Hospices would also receive a 1 percent increase or \$180 million. Finally, rehabilitation hospitals, if the proposed rule is approved, would receive an additional \$80 million in 2018. Comments for all three proposed rules are due to CMS by **June 26, 2017**.

To access the proposed rule for nursing facilities, [click here](#).

To access the proposed rule for hospices, [click here](#).

To access the proposed rule for rehabilitation hospitals, [click here](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Webinar: Year of Healthy Communities

Vitalyst Health Foundation, Tuesday, May 16 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Register [HERE](#)

Banner Sun Health Research Institute

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Help at Home Class: Support for the Person living at Home

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National Healthcare Decision Day is now a week long; the theme is “It always seems too early, until it’s too late.”

Thoughtful Life Conversations website sponsored by the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA

Recent blogs:

[9 Free Resources to Take Control of Your Money](#) (4/13/2017)

[SSI vs. SSDI: What Are These Benefits and How Do They Differ?](#) (4/6/2017)

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Plan now for the next session!

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Budget News

Budget bills signed by the Governor on May 12 included:

- Emergency dental care and extractions in an annual amount up to \$1,000 (per AHCCCS member at least 21 years of age)
- Alzheimer research funding - \$2,125,000
- Family Stipend (Kinship) "Grandma Stipend" - \$1,000,000
- Adult Protective Services Staff - \$2,000,000
- Maintain one-time Area Agencies on Aging Funding - \$700,000

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

FY 2018 House and Senate Engrossed Budget Plan [HERE](#)

Arizona Economic Trends May 2017 [HERE](#)

JLBC - Monthly Fiscal Highlights May 2017 [HERE](#)

The 53rd Legislature, 1st Regular Session lasted 122 days; 1,079 bills were posted; 344 signed; 11 were vetoed; 100 Memorials/Resolutions posted and 42 passed.

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Link to the **President's FY2018 Budget** information on the Office of Management and Budget webpage - [HERE](#)

National Association of State United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD full analysis of the President's budget [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/ NCOA Straight Talk for Seniors®: 10 Ways the Administration's Budget Would Impact Senior Programs [HERE](#)

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[Kaiser Health News](#) - information regarding Congressional Budget Office report on the American Health Care Act [HERE](#)

S.591

Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017

Latest action: 5/17/2017 Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1028

RAISE Family Caregiver Act

Introduced on 5/3/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

To provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

Latest action: 5/11/2017 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 78.

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Latest action: 5/5/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Other Legislation

H.R.2639

Introduced on 5/24/2017 by Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (OR0, Peter DeFazio (OR) Debbie Dingler (MI) and Pat Meehan (PA)

Reauthorizes the Elder Justice Act of 2009

Representatives King and Bonamici have announced the creation of a new bipartisan House Elder Justice Caucus to focus additional Congressional attention on the problem of elder abuse.

Bipartisan support for lifespan respite -

H.R.2535

To amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care.

Introduced on 5/18/2017 by Representative James R. Langevin (D-RI-2)

Related bill: S1188 introduced by Senator Susan M. Collins (R-ME)

H.R.2505

Credit for Caring Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/17/2017 by Representative Tom Reed (NY-23)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a nonrefundable credit for working family caregivers

5/17/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

Related bill: S.1151

H.R.2472

Disability Integration Act of 2017

To prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 5/16/2017 by Representative James F. Sensenbrenner, Jr. (WI-5)

5/16/2017 Referred to the House Judiciary

S.1197

A bill to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington’s disease.

Introduced on 5/22/2017 by Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand (NY)

5/22/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

Related: H.R.2589

S.1091

Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act

Introduced on 5/10/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

To establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

5/10/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

S.Res.172

A resolution designating May 2017 as Older Americans Month

Introduced on 5/18/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

5/18/2017 Submitted in the Senate considered and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

S.Res.164

A resolution recognizing the contributions of senior volunteers and designating the week of May 15 through 19, 2017 as “National Senior Corps Week”

Introduced on 5/16/2017 by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)

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Strategies to Simplify SNAP for Seniors [HERE](#)

NCOA is seeking improvements to **S.870 Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act** that would “increase access to evidence-based community and online programs such as CDSME, and strengthen the annual Medicare Wellness Visit and chronic care management quality standards.”

June 15 is Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and FrameWorks Institute created the Talking Elder Abuse Communication Toolkit. Frame Works Institute webpage on elder abuse [HERE](#) and Toolkit [HERE](#).

The **American Society on Aging** offers online education to understand and prevent elder abuse. More information [HERE](#)

[Kaiser Health News](#)

Influx of Elderly Patients Forces ER To Practice Comfort Care [HERE](#)

By Melissa Bailey 5/26/2017

Ageing related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

AARP Public Policy Institute

Liquid Savings of Working Households Ages 50-64 [HERE](#)

Alzheimer's Association – Cognitive Impairment Care Planning Toolkit is available for download at: <http://www.alz.org/careplanning/> and is intended to help clinicians deliver person-centered care.

2017 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures: <http://alz.org/facts/>

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Unique Website to Promote Community Oral Health Programs for Older Adults

A new website on helping communities to promote the oral health of older adults has been launched by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Community Living (ACL), and Office on Women's Health (OWH).

This website includes a searchable database of nearly 200 community-based oral health programs, as well as an Oral Health Guide designed to help local organizations start or enhance their own programs.

There are often large gaps in availability and accessibility of services for older adults for maintaining good oral health and getting regular check-ups, and this new resource aims to close those gaps and assist communities, governments, and other organizations in improving access to high quality oral health care for older adults.

[Click here](#) to view the website.

Friday Updates, May 19, 2017
National Institute on Aging
Exercise and Alzheimer's Disease

The National Institute on Aging has an updated tip sheet for Alzheimer's caregiving tips on exercise and physical activity. Regular exercise can have many benefits for people with Alzheimer's disease, though some people may have trouble getting around during the later stages.

To get tips on starting a simple and safe exercise program, [click here](#).

From Congress
Lifespan Respite Reauthorization Act

On **Thursday May 18th, 2017**, the Lifespan Respite Reauthorization Act was introduced in the House and Senate. This Act would reauthorize the Lifespan Respite Care Program at \$15 million a year for five years. The Lifespan Respite Care Program was enacted in 2006 with strong bipartisan support. The program provides competitive grants to states to establish or enhance statewide Lifespan Respite systems that maximize existing resources and help ensure that quality respite is available and accessible to all family caregivers.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

The Center on Aging & Work at Boston College – FACT OF THE WEEK 5/16/2017 “More than a quarter of retirees (26%) have worked for pay after retiring.” Of those, 18% worked part-time, 5% worked seasonally or sporadically, 2% worked full-time, and 1% worked both full- and part-time, according to an AARP analysis of data from the 2016 ERB Retirement Confidence Survey (p. 23)

Williams, A.R., & Harrison, E.W. (2016). 2016 retirement confidence survey: A secondary analysis of findings from respondents age 50+. Washington DC: AARP. Retrieved from [this source](#).

From the Baby Boomers Look to Senior Concierge Services to Raise Income [HERE](#)
From *MSN Money* 5/1/2017

From Area Agency on Aging Region One – **Use Your Head About Taking Your Meds™** The Area Agency on Aging and Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care - TIPS ABOUT SCRIPS download information at: <http://aaaphx.org/medication-misuse-magnet/>

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Maricopa County Coalitions

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EVCOA.org

West Valley Coalition on Aging meets the 2nd Thursdays from 9:30 – 11 AM

WVCOA.org

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Kaiser Health News

May 11, 2017 - *CMS Gives States Until 2022 To Meet Medicaid Standards on Home and Community-Based Care* [HERE](#)

April 20, 2017 - *How To Help Alzheimer’s Patients Enjoy Life, Not Just ‘Fade Away’* [HERE](#)

April 18, 2017 - *Sen. Grassley Demands Scrutiny of Medicare Advantage Plans* [HERE](#)

May is Older Americans Month and the **Administration for Community Living** has resources to help celebrate. ACL website [HERE](#) and materials [HERE](#)

United States Census Bureau Facts for Features: Older Americans Month: May 2017 [HERE](#)

Ongoing Resources

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Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

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You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: gaca@az.gov Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

It is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* monthly between sessions.

(We appreciate your patience with our outdated email program and formatting issues.)

Enjoy your summer!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for June 12, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. Between sessions, our intent is to provide information and resources at the local, state and federal level. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature. Be sure to open the [links](#) throughout this issue for the latest news. Thank you for your interest!

FEDERAL UPDATE

H.R.1682 American Health Care Act of 2017

Report H.Rept. 115-52 [HERE](#)

Latest action: 6/8/2017 Read the second time. Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 120

Regarding the **American Health Care Act, H.R.1628**

From the **Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Health Reform**

State Flexibility to Address Health Insurance Challenges under the American Health Care Act, H.R.1628 [HERE](#)

AARP view: Arizonans have a big stake in health care reform [HERE](#)

Arizona Capitol Times, June 1, 2017 6:04 pm

H.R.2472 Disability Integration Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/16/2017 by Rep. James F. Sensenbrenner, Jr. (WI-5)

To prohibit discrimination against individuals who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

Latest action: 6/7/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

S.1255 A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to credit individuals serving as

caregivers of dependent relatives with deemed wages for up to five years of such service, and to support State medical training programs for caregivers.

Introduced on 5/25/2017 by Senator Christopher Murphy (CT)
5/25/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.977 Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act of 2017

Introduced on 4/27/2017 by Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (MD)
To permit occupational therapists to conduct the initial assessment visit and complete the comprehensive assessment under a Medicare home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases.
4/27/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

H.R.2721 To allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR

Introduced on 5/25/2017 by Representative Bill Posey (FL-8)
5/25/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R.2663 Home Health Documentation and Program Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/25/2017 by Representative Kenny Marchant (TX-24)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make changes to documentation of eligibility for Medicare home health services, and for other purposes.
5/25/2017 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce

H.R.2650 Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act

Introduced on 5/25/2017 by Representative Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-3)
To amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination claims, and for other purposes.
5/25/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
Note: [S.443](#) reported on 3/9/2017

H.R.2599 Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/23/2017 by Representative Glenn Thompson (PA-5_)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to refine how Medicare pays for orthotics and prosthetics and to improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care, and for other purposes.
5/23/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means
Related bill: [S.1191](#)

H.R.2589 Huntington's Disease Parity act of 2017

Introduced on 5/22/2017 by Representative Adam Kinzinger (IL-16)
To waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease.
5/22/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means
Related bill: [S.1197](#)

H.R.2574 Building a Health Care Workforce for the Future Act

Introduced on 5/19/2017 by Representative Raul Ruiz (CA-36)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger health care workforce.
5/19/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.2552 Senior Citizen Tax Elimination Act

Introduced on 5/19/2017 by Representative Thomas Massie (KY-4)
5/19/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R.2550 Medicare Telehealth Parity Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/19/2017 by Representative Mike Thompson (CA-5)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an incremental expansion of telehealth coverage under the Medicare program.
5/19/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means

H.Res.344 Recognizing the contributions of senior volunteers

Introduced on 5/19/2017 by Representative Peter A. DeFazio (OR-4)
5/19/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Link to the **President's FY2018 Budget** information on the Office of Management and Budget webpage - [HERE](#)

Check active (federal) legislation any time [HERE](#)

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services/CMS
CMS Announces Extension for States under Medicaid Home and Community-Based Settings Criteria [HERE](#)

From the **Governor's Office**
Week In Review: Arizona Takes The Lead On The Opioid Epidemic [HERE](#)

53rd Legislature, First Regular Session Wrap Up

As promised, here are the bills tracked on the [FULL List](#) this session that passed and were signed.

HB2033: controlled substances; definition (Rep. Heather Carter)
Classifies specific drugs under the definitions of dangerous drugs and narcotic drugs, and under substances in schedule I.

HB2041: DHS; health care institutions; licensure (Rep. Heather Carter)
Eliminates renewal licensure for health care institutions and requires the Department of Health Services Director to establish rules regarding the payment and late payment of licensing fees. Modifies information and documentation required to be submitted by an applicant for licensure as a health care institution.

HB2042: DHS; fingerprinting requirements (Rep. Heather Carter)
Exempts certain individuals who are employed by or who volunteer with a children's behavioral health program from fingerprinting requirements. Exempts an employee or contractor who provides services to residents or patients within a residential care or nursing care institution or a home health agency from fingerprinting requirements if the person has applied for a good cause exemption and if the person is providing services under the direct visual supervision of an owner or the employee who has a valid fingerprint clearance card.

HB2076: advanced directives registry; provider access (Rep. Heather Carter)
Requires the Secretary of State to establish a process for health care providers to access the Advanced Director Registry and grants specified protections from civil liability for the state and its contractors.
Senate Fact Sheet 5/9/2017 as enacted [HERE](#); Chaptered Version of bill [HERE](#)

HB2166: ASRS; return to work (Rep. David Livingston)
Requires an employer to pay the alternate contribution rate (ACR) on behalf of a retired member who returns to work with an ASRS employer in a position that is similar in duties and responsibilities to that of a position ordinarily filled by an employee of the employer.

HB2167: ASRS; contributions; adjustments (Rep. David Livingston)

Stipulates requirements for return of overpaid contributions to employers and methods of payment for underpaid contributions by members of the Arizona State Retirement System

HB2168: ASRS; reinstatement; contribution amount (Rep. David Livingston)

Allows an ASRS member, upon reinstatement to state service, to redeposit contributions that ASRS paid, rather than that the member received, at the time of the member's separation from service.

HB2176: mobile home relocation; long-term RVs (Rep. Doug Coleman)

Raises maximum individual Mobile Home Relocation Fund disbursements for mobile homes and extends Fund relief to recreational vehicles.

HB2186: ombudsman-citizen aid; reports (Rep. Bob Thorpe)

Requires a link to the website of the ombudsman-citizen aide to be included on certain government websites. Requires a description of the public awareness and outreach activities conducted in ombudsman-citizens aide annual report.

HB2197: telemedicine; audio visual requirements (Rep. Heather Carter) Eliminates the requirement that telemedicine audio and video capability meet standards outlined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) when a physical or mental health examination is conducted or for the purposes of filling a prescription during a real-time telemedicine encounter with audio and video capability.

HB2307: controlled substances prescription monitoring program (Rep. Heather Carter)

Modifies the process for a medical practitioner to gain access to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program central database tracking system (CSPMP database), and requires a person who is authorized to access the CSPMP database to do so using only the person's assigned identifier. Allows data collected from the CSPMP database to be used for the purpose of performing drug utilization review for controlled substances. Increases the amount of money that may be transferred annually from the Arizona Board of Pharmacy (Board) Fund to the CSPMP Fund from \$395,795 to \$500,000.

HB2485: EORP; PSPRS; CORP; modifications (Rep. Drew John; co-sponsor: Rep. Doug Coleman)

Provides modifications to the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan (EORP), Correction Officers' Retirement Plan (CORP) and components of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Plan (PSPRS).

SB1023: dispensers; prescription drug monitoring (Senator John Kavanagh)

Adds schedule V substances to the controlled substances prescription monitoring program (Program). Allows the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy (Board) to release prescription information to the Department of Health Services (DHS) to address opioid overuse or abuse including a review by the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Team (Review Team).

SB1057: experienced teachers; certification renewal (Senator Gail Griffin)

Allows a certificate to be renewed at least two years but not more than ten years after the

certificate expires without additional requirements if the individual who held the certificate meets certain requirements.

SB1060: homeowners' associations; dispute process (Senator Gail Griffin; co-sponsors: Senator David Farnsworth, Senator John Kavanagh)

Contains technical changes regarding the transfer of the administrative hearings dispute process for members of a unit owners' association (UOA) or homeowners' association (HOA) from the dissolved Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety (DFBLS) to the Arizona Department of Real Estate Department (ADRE).

SB1093: telecommunications service assistance program (Senator Gail Griffin; Co-sponsors: Senator Kate Brophy McGee, Senator Lupe Contreras)

Allows, rather than requires, the Department of Economic Security (DES) to administer the Telecommunications Service Assistance Program.

SB1180: bingo establishments; ADA compliance (Senator Sonny Borrelli; co-sponsors: Senator Sylvia Allen, Rep. Mark Finchem, Rep. Jay Lawrence)

Establishes requirements for operators of bingo games related to players with disabilities.

SB1235: podiatry; amputation (Senator Nancy Barto; co-sponsors: Senator David Bradley, Rep. Heather Carter)

Modifies amputation restrictions for a podiatrist.

SB1239: parking violation; disabilities; access aisles (Senator John Kavanagh)

Prevents a motorist from blocking access aisles designated for persons with disabilities.

SB1269: pharmacists; scope of practice (Senator Nancy Barto)

Expands a pharmacist's scope of practice to include dispensing of emergency refills for certain medications, prescription and dispensing of tobacco cessation drug therapies and prescription and administration of oral fluoride varnish, if outlined requirements are met.

SB1325: nursing facilities; assisted living; advertising (Senator Nancy Barto; co-sponsor: Rep. Heather Carter)

Prohibits the results of an Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) state compliance survey of a nursing care institution, assisted living center or assisted living home or a federal certification survey of a skilled nursing facility from being used in an advertisement, unless the advertisement includes other information as outlined.

Provisions

1. Prohibits the results of a DHS state compliance survey of a nursing care institution, assisted living center or assisted living home or a federal certification survey of a skilled nursing facility from being used in an advertisement, unless the advertisement includes:

a) the date the survey was conducted;

b) a statement that DHS conducts a survey of all licensed long-term care facilities and assisted living facilities at least once every 15 months;

c) if a finding or deficiency cited in the statement of deficiencies has been substantially corrected, a statement that the finding or deficiency has been substantially corrected and the date

- of the correction;
- d) the number of findings and deficiencies cited in the statement of deficiencies on the basis of the survey;
 - e) the average number of findings and deficiencies cited in a statement of deficiencies for a nursing care institution or assisted living center or assisted living home during the same calendar year as the survey used in the advertisement; and
 - f) a statement that the advertisement is neither authorized nor endorsed by DHS or any other government agency.

SB1327: Gold Star memorial (Senator Debbie Lesko; co-sponsors: Rep. Kelli Butler, Rep. David Cook, Rep. Jay Lawrence, Rep. Kevin Payne, Rep. Bob Thorpe, Senator Sonny Borrelli, Senator Jamescita Peshlakai)
Provides for the placement of a Gold Star memorial in the Wesley Bolin Plaza.

SB1362: dental board; dentists; dental hygienists (Senator Kate Brophy McGee)
Modifies requirements of dental hygienists and dental assistants who wish to perform certain procedures. Allows out-of-state examinations to fulfill certain examination requirements for licensure. Requires the State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) to modify fees for licensure by setting a maximum dollar amount for fees for initial licensure and licensure by credential. Senate Fact Sheet (enacted) [HERE](#)

SB1406: public accommodation; services; civil action (Senator Karen Fann)
Modifies the litigation process for alleged violations covered under the Arizona Americans with Disability Act. Senate Fact Sheet (enacted) [HERE](#)

SB1434: art therapy services; contracting requirements (Senator Nancy Barto)
Stipulates restrictions for the title or designation of art therapist. Establishes contracting requirements for art therapy services. Governor's letter [HERE](#)

SB1435: health care professionals; fingerprinting (Senator Nancy Barto)
Requires applicants for licensure to submit to the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners (Board) a full set of fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check, as outlined. Requires applicants for expedited licensure through the Medical Licensure Compact to submit fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check. Requires an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist and an applicant for certification as a physical therapist assistant to obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card.

SB1439: end-of-life; discrimination; prohibition (Prime sponsor: Senator Nancy Barto)
Prohibits a person from discriminating against a health care entity because the health care entity does not provide, assist in providing or facilitate in providing any item or service that results in the death of an individual. Permits a health care entity the right to civil action in superior court if the health care entity is subject to a discrimination violation.

SB1441: insurers; health providers; claims; arbitration (Senator Debbie Lesko; co-sponsors: Senator Sylvia Allen, Senator Sean Bowie, Senator Karen Fann, Senator Bob Worsley, Senator Kimberly Yee)

Allows an enrollee of a health plan who has received a surprise out-of-network bill (bill) and who disputes the amount of the bill to seek dispute resolution of the bill, provided that certain criteria are met.

SB1451: orthotics; prosthetics; standards (Senator Kate Brophy McGee)

Requires, beginning January 1, 2018, a custom orthotic or custom prosthetic device furnished by a health care provider to meet outlined standards.

SB1452: health profession regulatory boards (Senator Nancy Barto)

Modifies, beginning January 1, 2018, information available on a health profession regulatory board's (Board) website and modifies terms of Board membership. Allows each Board to establish a confidential monitoring program for certain licensees and certificate holders. Prohibits a Board from acting on its own motion or on any complaint in which an allegation of unprofessional conduct or any other violation occurred more than four years before the complaint was received by the Board, with exceptions as outlined.

SB1522: budget; general appropriation act; 2017-18 (Senator Steve Yarbrough; co-sponsors: Senator Gail Griffin, Senator Debbie Lesko, Senator Kimberly Yee)

Provisions (related to aging and disability):

1. DES - Adult Protective Services Staff - \$2,000,000

DES - Prop 206 Minimum Wage Increase - \$23,307,100

DES - Additional One-Time Prop 206 Funding - \$10,000,000

DES - One-Time DD Room and Board - \$2,000,000

2. Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing – support services \$192,000; hearing aid assistance FTE \$102,800

Senate Fact Sheet (5/8/2017) [HERE](#)

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SB1527: health; budget reconciliation; 2017-2018 (Senator Steve Yarbrough; co-sponsors: Senator Gail Griffin, Senator Debbie Lesko, Senator Kimberly Yee)

- Makes outpatient occupational therapy a covered services
- Adds, for persons who at least 21 years of age, emergency dental care and extractions in an annual amount up to \$1,000 per member.
- Continues to allow DHS to use monies in the Health Research Account as specified in the General Appropriations Act for Alzheimer's disease research.

Senate Fact Sheet (5/15/2017) [HERE](#)

Bill – Chaptered Version [HERE](#)

Memorials and Resolutions

HCR2021: suicide prevention month (Rep. David Cook)

The members of the Legislature proclaim September 2017 as Suicide Prevention Month in Arizona and express a commitment to promoting suicide prevention efforts in the state.

HCR2025: hidden heroes day; military caregivers (Rep. Travis Grantham)

The members of the Legislature proclaim May 20, 2017 as Hidden Heroes Day in Arizona in

conjunction with Military Appreciation Month, support the residents of Arizona who serve in military and veteran caregiving roles, and encourage all who care for and support veterans and service members to also extend support to their caregivers.

HR2004: death resolution: David Besst (Rep. Heather Carter)

The members of the House of Representatives sincerely regret the passing of David Besst, cofounder of the Arizona Caregiver Coalition and former Caregiver Coordinator of the Department of Economic Services Division of Aging and Adult Services, and extend their sympathies and condolences to his family and many friends.

SCR1020: death resolution: Marian Lupu (Senator Steve Farley)

The members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of Marian Lupu, a pioneer in the field of gerontology and the founding Executive Director of the Pima Council on Aging, and extend their deepest sympathies to her family and many friends.

(Wrap-up information is from the Arizona State Legislature or LOLA.)

The **Governor's Advisory Council on Aging** tracked more than 120 bills this session that had the potential to impact older Arizonans. 108 of those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. To view the web report, click [HERE](#) and see what bills didn't make it through the process this time around.

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It **does** mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans. Bill information including description, status, hearings, etc. is part of a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

The 53rd Legislature, 1st Regular Session lasted 122 days; 1,079 bills were posted; 344 signed; 11 were vetoed; 100 Memorials/Resolutions posted and 42 passed.

If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators at any time, you may voice your thoughts by contacting the:

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- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State**

Legislature website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

REMINDER

Thursday, June 15 is Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and FrameWorks Institute created the Talking Elder Abuse Communication Toolkit. Frame Works Institute webpage on elder abuse [HERE](#) and Toolkit [HERE](#).

The **American Society on Aging** offers online education to understand and prevent elder abuse. More information [HERE](#)

The **Arizona Attorney General’s Consumer Protection and Advocacy Section** developed the Consumer “Fight Scams Calls” Pilot Program that provides free call-blocking devices available for installation to senior residents age 60 or older who are bothered by numerous unwanted calls. (**Update:** Due to an overwhelming response, applications are not being accepted at this time.)

Information: <https://www.azag.gov/webform/fight-scam-calls-pilot-program-0>

[Kaiser Health News](#)

Many COPD Patients Struggle To Pay For Each Medicinal Breath [HERE](#)
6/5/2017 Sarah Jane Tribble

They’ve Still Got Bucket Lists – In Their 90s [HERE](#)
6/5/2017 Bruce Horovitz

Putting in Place An A-Team of Allies [HERE](#)
6/1/2017 Judith Graham

Aging related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

Alzheimer’s Association – Cognitive Impairment Care Planning Toolkit is available for download at: <http://www.alz.org/careplanning/> and is intended to help clinicians deliver person-centered care.

2017 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures: <http://alz.org/facts/>

National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at:

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/national-alzheimers-project-act>

Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov>

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD *Friday Updates, June 2, 2017*

Webinar: How to Overcome Barriers to Successful Investigation and Prosecution of Elder Abuse Cases

Justice Clearinghouse is hosting a webinar that will be highlighting issues of elder abuse. During this webinar, Paul Greenwood will discuss ways to overcome barriers to successfully investigate and prosecute cases of elder abuse. Greenwood is head of Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit, and a Deputy District Attorney of the San Diego Attorney's Office. He has been involved in the prosecution of over 600 felony cases involving both physical and financial abuse of elders and dependent adults. He is also Co-Chair of the California's DA Elder Abuse Committee and has assisted in drafting Elder Abuse legislation for California Evidence Code. Paul's work has been featured on several different major news networks including CBS' "Eye on America" and NBC's "Nightly News."

This webinar will take place on June 20th, 2017 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for the webinar.

OVC Funding Opportunity: Innovations in Addressing Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation

The Office for Victims of Crime is seeking applicants to better protect older Americans by enhancing identification of elder abuse and improving response and outreach to victims. Applicants should provide trauma-informed, culturally competent, and comprehensive services to victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation in three grant categories:

1. Combating Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation through Technology
2. Increasing Justice for Older Americans
3. Focusing on Victims by Identifying and Resolving Elder Abuse and Financial Abuse

OVC expects to make at least six awards (at least two in each category) totaling \$3,250,000. Questions regarding the solicitation should be directed to Laura Ivkovich, Policy Analyst, Office for Victims of Crime at Laura.Ivkovich@ojp.usdoj.gov. Applications are due by June 28th, 2017. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Administration for Community Living
Oral Health [WEBSITE](#)**

AARP Blog: *No Wrong Door: Promising Practices for Accessing Long-Term Services and Supports* [HERE](#)
By Wendy Fox-Grage 6/6/2017

From [Governing](#) , June 7, 2017
How an Eco-Friendly Rideshare is Changing Life in a Tiny Rural Town [HERE](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Banner Sun Health Research Institute

Free Family Community Services Department Classes

June 14 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - **As Dementia Progresses**

June 21 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am - **Behaviors: Expressing What Words Cannot**

June 27 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - **Medications for Dementia: What are they and what can I expect?**

All classes are at 10515 W. Santa Fe Drive in Sun City and **require registration** by calling **623-832-3248**

Region 6 Conference on Aging

June 14, 2017 – Aging Outside the Box Caregiver Training

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church Hall, 100 Quality Hill, Bisbee, AZ 85603

Note: Open to Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz residents and providers.

Registration [HERE](#)

Arizona In-Home Care Association’s 2017 Annual Conference

In-Home Care: Combining Compassion and Technology

Friday, September 15, 2017

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phoenix Airport Marriott

More information at: <http://aznha.org/events/>

25th Area Agency on Aging NACOG Conference

[Building Strong Communities](#)

October 5 and 6, 2017, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff AZ

[Registration is Now Open](#)

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Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Area Agency on Aging Region 8

27th Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference

October 9 – 10, 2017

We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center, 10438 N. Fort McDowell Road, Fountain Hills, Arizona 85264

[HERE](#)

Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family - Arizona Summit on Volunteerism & Civic Engagement, November 2-3, 2017

Request for Proposals [HERE](#)

Arizona Bioscience News

Oro Valley teen wins big for his research on Parkinson’s disease **[HERE](#)**

By Tom Beal Arizona Daily Star May 28, 2017; updated June 9, 2017

In case you missed it last time...

National Association of State United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD full analysis of the President’s budget [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/ NCOA Straight Talk for Seniors®: 10 Ways the Administration’s Budget Would Impact Senior Programs [HERE](#)

[Kaiser Health News](#) - information regarding Congressional Budget Office report on the American Health Care Act [HERE](#)

Influx of Elderly Patients Forces ER To Practice Comfort Care [HERE](#)
By Melissa Bailey 5/26/2017

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

FY 2018 House and Senate Engrossed Budget Plan [HERE](#)
Arizona Economic Trends May 2017 [HERE](#)

JLBC - Monthly Fiscal Highlights May 2017 [HERE](#)

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FEDERAL UPDATE

Latest on the health care bills

Congressional Budget Office – July 20, 2017 Cost Estimate [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News - The Health Law – webpage on latest information [HERE](#)

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation *State-by-State Estimates of Reductions in Federal Medicaid Funding Under Repeal of the ACA Medicaid Expansion* [HERE](#) (July 19, 2017)

Updates on Legislation

H.R.2663 Home Health Documentation and Program Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/25/2017 by Representative Kenny Marchant (TX-24)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make changes to documentation of eligibility for Medicare home health services, and for other purposes.

5/26/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.2599 Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/23/2017 by Representative Glenn Thompson (PA-5)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to refine how Medicare pays for orthotics and prosthetics and to improve beneficiary experience and outcomes with orthotic and prosthetic care, and for other purposes.

5/26/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.2574 Building a Health Care Workforce for the Future Act

Introduced on 5/19/2017 by Representative Raul Ruiz (CA-36)
To amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger health care workforce.
5/26/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.2550 Medicare Telehealth Parity Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/19/2017 by Representative Mike Thompson (CA-5)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an incremental expansion of telehealth coverage under the Medicare program.
5/26/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.2472 Disability Integration Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/16/2017 by Rep. James F. Sensenbrenner Jr. (WI-5)
Latest action: 6/7/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice

S.1028 RAISE Family Caregiver Act

Introduced on 5/3/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)
Latest Action: 6/14/2017 Special Committee on Aging Hearings held.

S.591 Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017

Latest action: 6/14/2017 Special Committee on Aging, Hearings held.

Recent introduced

H.R.3105 Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act

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To establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
6/29/2017 Referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.3098 Medicare Adult Day Services Act of 2017

Introduced on 6/28/2017 by Rep. Linda T. Sanchez (CA-38)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of certified adult day services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.
6/28/2017 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.3077 Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act of 2017

Introduced on 6/27/2017 by Rep. Sam Johnson (TX-3)
To amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the retirement earnings test, and for other purposes
6/27/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R.2973

To provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp

Introduced on 6/21/2017 by Rep. Maxine Waters (CA-43)
6/21/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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The bill amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to make grants to public and nonprofit private health care providers to expand training and support services for families and caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's disease.

6/21/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.2896 Fair COLA for Seniors Act of 2017

Introduced on 6/13/2017 by Rep. Richard M. Nolan (MN-8)

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide a midyear cost-of-living increase to account for an insufficient increase for 2017, to apply the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) to future Social Security COLAs, and for other purposes.

6/13/2017 Referred to the House Education and the Workforce

Related bills: [H.R.1114](#) , [H.R.1902](#) , [H.R.2855](#) , and [S.427](#)

H.R.2556 CONNECT for Health Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/19/2017 by Rep. Diane Black (TN-6)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth services and for other purposes

5/26/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.2422 Action for Dental Health Act of 2017

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6/29/2017 Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (amended) by Voice Vote.

S.1606

A bill to authorize grants for the support of caregivers

Introduced on 7/20/2017 by Senator Cory A. Booker (NJ)

7/20/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.1378 Caregiver Program Information Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 6/19/2017 by Senator Mike Rounds (SD)
To amend title 10, United States Code, to require an element in pre-separation counseling for members of the Armed Forces on assistance and support services for caregivers of certain veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
6/19/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

S.1347 RxCAP Act of 2017

Introduced on 6/13/2017 by Senator Ron Wyden (OR)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent catastrophic out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
6/13/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.1334 Patient Choice and Quality Care Act of 2017

Introduced on 6/12/2017 by Senator Mark R. Warner (VA)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.6/12/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
See also [H.R.2797](#)

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National Updates

[Kaiser Health News](#)

These Preventive Measures Might Help Delay Dementia or Cognitive Decline [HERE](#)

Judith Graham July 20, 2017

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Center for Disease Control
Health, United States Annual Report

The CDC prepares a yearly report on health statistics that is submitted to Congress and to the president by the secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). This year's edition, the 40th annual *Health, United States* report focuses on the continuing health trends observed in the past. It highlights a variety of topics including: health resources; healthcare resources; and healthcare expenditures and payers. [Click here](#) for more information.

Friday Updates, July 7, 2017

Former NASUAD President Lance Robertson Awaiting Senate Confirmation as Assistant Secretary of Aging and Administrator of ACL

Friday Updates, Friday, June 23, 2017

Administration for Community Living's Elder Justice Innovation Grants program seeks to aid foundations who develop and evaluate programs to prevent adult maltreatment and generally advance the knowledge of issues relating to elder justice. Grant projects should work towards preventing adult maltreatment and/or contribute to the evidence-base of knowledge. ACL will award up to five grants of \$350,000 to \$500,000 per year over a two-year period. The grant deadline is **August 14, 2017**. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Experience Matters *Community Impact Report 2016* [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA
2017 Falls Prevention Information [HERE](#)
Past Activities and 2016 Report found [HERE](#)

The Center on Aging & Work at Boston College
FACT OF THE WEEK (6/27/2017)

One third of workers age 50+ have less than \$25,000 in savings and investments
“Three in four 50-workers (76%) and two in three 50+ retirees (65%) have personally saved for retirement. However, **slightly more than a third of workers (36%)** and about half of retirees (49%) **have less than \$25,000 in savings and investments,**” according to an AARP analysis of data from the 2016 EBRI Retirement Confidence Survey (p. 4)

Williams, A.R., & Harrison, E.W. (2016). 2016 retirement confidence survey: A Secondary analysis of findings from respondents age 50+. Washington DC: AARP. Retrieved from [this source](#).

Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing was recently featured in an Arizona Republic article regarding federal legislation proposed on over-the-counter hearing aids. The Commission has issued statements in opposition to the legislation; the resources are provided below.

ACDHH Position Paper on Over-The-Counter Hearing Aids [HERE](#)

ACDHH Legislative Action Alert (video and alert) [HERE](#)

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If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators ***at any time***, you may voice your thoughts by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only) or email: engage@az.gov**
- **Legislators from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)**

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Arizona In-Home Care Association's 2017 Annual Conference

In-Home Care: Combining Compassion and Technology

Friday, September 15, 2017

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phoenix Airport Marriott

More information at: <http://aznha.org/events/>

25th Area Agency on Aging NACOG Conference

[Building Strong Communities](#)

October 5 and 6, 2017, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff AZ

Agenda [HERE](#) (scroll down)

Register [HERE](#)

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Area Agency on Aging Region 8

27th Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference

October 9 – 10, 2017

We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center, 10438 N. Fort McDowell Road, Fountain Hills, Arizona 85264

[HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATE
Arizona Geriatric Society's 29th Annual Fall Symposium
October 20-21, 2017

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family - Arizona Summit on Volunteerism & Civic Engagement, November 2-3, 2017

More information: <http://volunteer.az.gov/service-and-volunteerism/summit>

In case you missed it last time...

Many COPD Patients Struggle To Pay For Each Medicinal Breath [HERE](#)
6/5/2017 Sarah Jane Tribble

They've Still Got Bucket Lists – In Their 90s [HERE](#)
6/5/2017 Bruce Horovitz

Putting in Place An A-Team of Allies [HERE](#)
6/1/2017 Judith Graham

AARP view: Arizonans have a big stake in health care reform [HERE](#)
Arizona Capitol Times, June 1, 2017 6:04 pm

Administration for Community Living
Oral Health [WEBSITE](#)

AARP Blog: *No Wrong Door: Promising Practices for Accessing Long-Term Services and Supports* [HERE](#)
By Wendy Fox-Grage 6/6/2017

From the **Governor's Office**
Ongoing Resources

See the latest news at: Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>
#AZAWESOME Shareables: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

AHCCS News & Updates:
<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General's Latest News [HERE](#) and Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services
Latest News [HERE](#)
Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)
Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A
Map of Regions [HERE](#)

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) – free health benefit counseling service
for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.
More information [HERE](#)

Plan now for the next session!
Arizona State Legislature website: www.azleg.gov
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News & Information

From the **National Alzheimer's Project Act**

The National Research Summit on Care, Services and Supports for Persons with Dementia and Their Caregivers paper "Caregiving and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Dementia: Report of the Pre-Summit Workgroup on Caregiving and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is now available [HERE](#).

National Institute on Aging

Sustaining Momentum: NIH Takes Aim at Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias - budget proposal for fiscal year (FY) 2019 [HERE](#)

Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center [website](#)

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Related News

Virtual Dementia Tour®

In support of the [Arizona Alzheimer's State Plan](#) recommendations, the **Governor's Advisory Council on Aging** co-sponsored the Virtual Dementia Tour® (VDT) at the Florence Community Center/Library at 778 N. Main Street on Thursday, August 31, 2017. The 20-minute individual tours, facilitated by trained and licensed **Western Arizona Council of Governments, Area Agency on Aging Region IV** staff members, are designed to increase knowledge and sensitivity to people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders through a dementia simulation. Participants had an opportunity to experience firsthand the challenges and insights of living with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. Invited guests included law enforcement, fire fighters and emergency responders, legislators, local policy makers, community health partners and aging related service providers from Pinal and Gila counties. A total of 40 tours were scheduled and 36 people participated. **Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging Region V** partnered to arrange the location and promote the event.

More News & Information

[Kaiser Health News](#)

Elder Abuse: ERs Learn How To Protect A Vulnerable Population [HERE](#)

Barbara Sadick, 8/28/2017

Soul Purpose: Seniors With Strong Reasons To Live Often Live Stronger [HERE](#)

Judith Graham, 8/31/2017

Despite Advance Directive, Dementia Patient Denied Last Wish, Says Spouse [HERE](#)

JoNel Aleccia, 8/21/2017

How To Get Long-Term Care At Home Without Busting The Bank [HERE](#)

Judith Graham, 7/27/2017

Aging related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD *Friday Updates, Friday, August 25, 2017*

National Center on Law and Elder Rights

One-Stop Support Center for the Legal Services and Aging and Disability Community
The National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER) has a new interim home. NCLER is a new national resource center for the legal services and aging and disability networks that is focused on the legal rights of older adults. Trainings, case consultations, and technical assistance are provided by Justice in Aging, the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, the National Consumer Law Center, and the Center for Social Gerontology. To sign up to receive notice of trainings and resources, [click here](#).

Friday Updates, Friday, August 18, 2017

FrameWorks Institute

Webinar: Strengthening Support: An Overview of Framing Research on Elder Abuse
The FrameWorks Institute is hosting a webinar about the framing recommendations they developed for communicating about elder abuse. This webinar will discuss the recommendations, and summarize the capacity building tools they have developed for changing the public conversation about elder abuse and raising the salience of the issue. This webinar will take place on Thursday, September 7, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET. [Click here](#) for more information.

Governing Magazine

J.B. Wogan 8/31/2017

[**Food Stamps Can Cut Seniors' Health Costs, But Most Aren't Using Them**](#)

Governing Magazine

Mattie Quinn September 2017

[**The Return of the Doctor House Call**](#)

September is Healthy Aging Month and the **National Eye Institute** offers information to raise awareness about eye health among older adults. Information [HERE](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/RWJF 2018 *Culture of Health Prize* deadline for applications is Friday, November 7, 2017. More information [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA

2017 Falls Prevention Awareness Day: 10 Years Standing Together to Prevent Falls
information [HERE](#)

Check the **Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition** website for information about events at:
<https://www.azstopfalls.org/>.

Updates on Federal Legislation

S.81 Seniors Fraud Prevention Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/10/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)

To establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

Text [HERE](#)

Latest action: 8/4/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S.178 Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

To prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases. Text [HERE](#)

Latest Action: 8/4/2017 Referred to Committee on the Judiciary and Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S.870 Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017

Introduced on 4/6/2017 by Senator Orrin G. Hatch (UT)

Bill amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to:

- extend the Independence at Home demonstration program;
- modify provisions regarding access to home dialysis therapy under Medicare and special needs plans under Medicare Advantage (MA);
- expand testing of the MA Value-Based Insurance Design test model;
- allow an MA plan to provide additional telehealth benefits to enrollees and, to chronically ill enrollees, certain supplemental health care benefits;
- modify other provisions regarding the use of telehealth services;
- allow prospective, voluntary assignment of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries to accountable care organizations (ACOs); and
- allow ACOs to operate beneficiary incentive programs.

The Government Accountability Office shall conduct studies on:

- the establishment of a payment code for a visit for longitudinal comprehensive care planning services,
- the extent to which Medicare prescription drug plans and private payors use programs that synchronize pharmacy dispensing to facilitate comprehensive counseling and promote medication adherence, and
- the use of prescription drugs to manage the weight of obese patients and the impact of

such drug coverage on patient health and health care spending.

Latest action: 8/3/2017 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

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Latest action: 7/27/2017 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Recently Introduced

H.R.3494 National Care Corps Act of 2017

Introduced on 7/27/2017 by Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM-1)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Care Corps, and to authorize grants for local care corps programs, through which qualified volunteers provide care, companionship and other services to individuals in need, and for other purposes.

7/27/2017 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Committee on Education and Workforce

H.R.3493 Care Corps Demonstration Act of 2017

Introduced on 7/27/2017 by Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM-1)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for local care corps programs through which qualified volunteers provide care, companionship and other services to seniors and individuals in need, and for other purposes.

7/27/2017 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.3461 Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens through Workforce Advancement Act of 2017

Introduced on 7/27/2017 by Rep. Matt Cartwright (PA-17)

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to develop and test an expanded and advanced role for direct care workers who provide long-term services and supports to older individuals in efforts to coordinate care and improve the efficiency of service delivery.

7/27/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.3308 Veterans Caregiver Improvement and Expansion Act

Introduced on 7/19/2017 by Rep. Clay Higgins (LA-3)

To require an audit and review of the caregiver programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

7/19/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

S.1688 Empowering Medicare Seniors to Negotiate Drug Prices Act of 2017

Introduced on 8/1/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fair prescription drug prices under part D of the Medicare program.

8/1/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1526 Veterans Access to Care Act of 2017

Introduced on 7/11/2017 by Senator Jon Tester (MT)

To appropriate amounts to the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

7/11/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

S.1600 Protecting and Preserving Social Security Act

Introduced on 7/20/2017 by Senator Mazie Hirono (HI)

To amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection.

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- Friday, **September 22, 2017** – **Fountain Hills Community Center** – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, **September 25, 2017** – **TMC Senior Services, Tucson** – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, **September 27, 2017** – **Old Fire House Senior Center, Tombstone** – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, **September 29, 2017** – **Sedona Community Center** – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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Arizona In-Home Care Association's 2017 Annual Conference

In-Home Care: Combining Compassion and Technology

Friday, September 15, 2017

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phoenix Airport Marriott

More information at: <http://aznha.org/events/>

25th Area Agency on Aging NACOG Conference

Building Strong Communities

October 5 and 6, 2017, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff AZ

Agenda [HERE](#)

Register [HERE](#)

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Area Agency on Aging Region 8
27th Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference
October 9 – 10, 2017
We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center, 10438 N. Fort McDowell Road, Fountain Hills,
Arizona 85264

[HERE](#)

Arizona Geriatric Society’s 29th Annual Fall Symposium *Caring for Older Adults Living with Advanced Disease*
October 20-21, 2017

More information: www.arizonageriatrics.org

Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family – *ADDICTION: The Elephant in the Room*
from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Register [HERE](#)
Arizona Summit on Volunteerism& Civic Engagement, November 2-3, 2017

More information: <http://volunteer.az.gov/service-and-volunteerism/summit>

Vitalyst Foundation *The Value of Prevention – How the Prevention and Public Health Fund Invests in Arizona’s Health* [HERE](#)

Arizona Mission for Mercy is now accepting volunteer applications for the dental care event on **December 8 and 9** at the **Veterans Memorial Coliseum**. More information: <https://www.azmom.org/volunteer/>

In case you missed it last time...

Kaiser Health News
These Preventive Measures Might Help Delay Dementia or Cognitive Decline [HERE](#)
Judith Graham July 20, 2017

Experience Matters *Community Impact Report 2016* [HERE](#)

The Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

FACT OF THE WEEK (6/27/2017)

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Williams, A.R., & Harrison, E.W. (2016). 2016 retirement confidence survey: A Secondary analysis of findings from respondents age 50+. Washington DC: AARP. Retrieved from [this source](#).

Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing was recently featured in an Arizona Republic article regarding federal legislation proposed on over-the-counter hearing aids. The Commission has issued statements in opposition to the legislation; the resources are provided below.

ACDHH Position Paper on Over-The-Counter Hearing Aids [HERE](#)

Administration for Community Living
Oral Health [WEBSITE](#)

From the **Governor’s Office**

Ongoing Resources

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AHCCS News & Updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General’s Latest News [HERE](#) and Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Latest News [HERE](#)

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

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14th Annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is today!

October 28, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Federal Overview

Updates

H.Con.Res.71

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2018 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027

H.Rept.115-240 [HERE](#)

H.R.601

Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act 2017; Text [HERE](#)

Became Public Law No. 115-56 9/8/2017

S.178 Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

Became Public Law No: 115-70

Title I – Supporting Federal Cases Involving Elder Justice

(Sec. 101) – establishes requirements for Dept. of Justice (DOJ) with respect to investing

Title II – Improved Data Collection and Federal Coordination

(Section 201) DOJ must establish best practices for data collection on elder abuse.

(Section 202) DOJ must collect and publish data on elder abuse cases and investigations. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must provide for publication data on elder abuse cases referred to adult protective services.

Title III – Enhanced Victim Assistance to Elder Abuse Survivors

(Sec. 301) Section expresses the sense of the Senate that: (1) elder abuse involves exploitation of potentially vulnerable adults; (2) combatting elder abuse requires support for victims and

prevention; and (3) the Senate supports a multipronged approach to prevent elder abuse, protect victims, and prosecute perpetrators of elder abuse crimes.
(Sec. 302) DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime must report to Congress on the nature, extent, and amount of funding under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for victims of crime who are elders.

Title IV – Robert Matava Elder Abuse Prosecution Act of 2017 – amends the federal criminal code to expand prohibited telemarketing fraud to include “telemarketing or email marketing” fraud. It expands the definition of telemarketing or email marketing to include measures to induce investment for financial profit, participation in a business opportunity or commitment of a loan.

(Sec. 403) DOJ, in coordination with the Elder Justice Coordinating Council, must provide information, training and technical assistance to help states and local governments investigate, prosecute, prevent, and mitigate the impact of elder abuse, exploitation and compacts.

(Sec. 404) It grants congressional consent to states to enter into cooperative agreements or compacts to promote and to enforce elder abuse laws. The State Justice Institute must submit legislative proposals to Congress to facilitate such agreements and compacts.

Title V - Miscellaneous

(Sec. 501) Amends title XX (Block Grants to States for Social Services and Elder Justice) of the Social Security Act to specify that HHS may award adult protective services demonstration grants to the highest courts of states to assess adult guardianship and conservatorship proceedings and to implement necessary changes. The highest court of a state that receives a demonstration grant must collaborate with the state's unit on aging and adult protective services agency.

(Sec. 502) The Government Accountability Office (GAO) must review and report on elder justice programs and initiatives in the federal criminal justice system. The GAO must also report on: (1) federal government efforts to monitor the exploitation of older adults in global drug trafficking schemes and criminal enterprises, the incarceration of exploited older adults who are U.S. citizens in foreign court systems, and the total number of elder abuse cases pending in the United States; and (2) the results of federal government intervention with foreign officials on behalf of U.S. citizens who are elder abuse victims in international criminal enterprises.

(Sec. 503) DOJ must report to Congress on its outreach to state and local law enforcement agencies on the process for collaborating with the federal government to investigate and prosecute interstate and international elder financial exploitation cases.

(Sec. 504) DOJ must publish model power of attorney legislation for the purpose of preventing elder abuse.

(Sec. 505) DOJ must publish best practices for improving guardianship proceedings and model legislation related to guardianship proceedings for the purpose of preventing elder abuse.

Text [HERE](#)

S.870 Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017

Introduced on 4/6/2017 by Senator Orrin G. Hatch (UT)

Bill amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to:

- extend the Independence at Home demonstration program;
- modify provisions regarding access to home dialysis therapy under Medicare and

- special needs plans under Medicare Advantage (MA);
- expand testing of the MA Value-Based Insurance Design test model;
- allow an MA plan to provide additional telehealth benefits to enrollees and, to chronically ill enrollees, certain supplemental health care benefits;
- modify other provisions regarding the use of telehealth services;
- allow prospective, voluntary assignment of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries to accountable care organizations (ACOs); and
- allow ACOs to operate beneficiary incentive programs.

The Government Accountability Office shall conduct studies on:

- the establishment of a payment code for a visit for longitudinal comprehensive care planning services,
- the extent to which Medicare prescription drug plans and private payors use programs that synchronize pharmacy dispensing to facilitate comprehensive counseling and promote medication adherence, and
- the use of prescription drugs to manage the weight of obese patients and the impact of such drug coverage on patient health and health care spending. **Latest action:**

9/29/2017 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Health

H.R.2422 Action for Dental Health Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/15/2017 by Rep. Robin L. Kelly (IL-2)

The bill amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize oral health promotion and disease prevention programs through FY2022. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may award grants or enter into contracts to obtain portable or mobile dental equipment and pay operational costs for the provision of free dental services to underserved populations. The CDC may also award grants or enter into contracts to collaborate with state, county or local public officials and other stakeholders to develop and implement initiatives to:

1. improve oral health education and dental disease prevention
2. make the dental services delivery system more accessible and efficient through outreach programs that facilitate the establishment of dental homes
3. reduce geographic barriers, language barriers, cultural barriers and other similar barriers in the provision of dental services
4. reduce the use of emergency departments by individuals who seek dental services more appropriately delivered in a dental primary care setting
5. facilitate the provision of dental care to nursing home residents who are disproportionately affected by lack of care. **Latest action: 9/25/2017 Placed on the**

Union Calendar, Calendar No. 238.

Recently Introduced

H.R.4076 Seniors' Security Act of 2017

Introduced on 10/16/2017 by Representative Donald Norcross (NJ-1)

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for cost-of-living adjustments indexed to the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly, and for other purposes.

10/16/2017 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committees on Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, and Oversight and Government Reform

H.R.4006 Community – Based Independence for Seniors Act of 2017

Introduced on 10/11/2017 by Representative Linda T. Sanchez (CA-38)

To establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

10/11/2017 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.3885 Senior Citizen Protection Act of 2017

Introduced on 9/28/2017 by Representative Bradley Scott Schneider (IL-10)

To direct the Attorney General to establish guidelines for model elder abuse registry and to provide grants to States for establishing and operating such a registry, and for other purposes.

10/13/2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations

H.R.3820 Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act of 2017

Introduced on 9/25/2017 by Representative Patrick Meehan (PA-7)

To permit occupational therapists to conduct the initial assessment visit and complete the comprehensive assessment under a Medicare home health plan of care for certain rehabilitation cases.

9/29/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.3778 Direct CARE Opportunity Act

Introduced on 9/14/2017 by Representative Robert C. Scott (VA-3)

To award grants for the recruitment, retention, and advancement of direct care workers.

9/15/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.3758 Senior Safe Act of 2017

Introduced by Kyrsten Sinema (AZ-9)

To provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes.

10/12/2017 Ordered to be reported by the Yeas and Nays: 60-0

H.R.3426 Medicare Hearing Aid Coverage Act of 2017

Introduced on 7/26/2017 by Representative Debbie Dingell

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to allow Medicare coverage of hearing aids and related examinations.

The Government Accountability Office must study programs that provide assistance for hearing aids and related examinations for individuals with hearing loss.

7/28/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.3728 EMPOWER Act of 2017

Introduced on 9/11/2017 by Representative Michael C. Burgess (TX-26)

To amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to the health professions workforce, and for other purposes.
9/15/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.3713 Geriatrics Workforce and Caregiver Enhancement Act

Introduced on 9/8/2017 by Representative Janice D. Schakowsky (IL-9)
To amend the Public Health Service Act to support geriatrics education and training to address the elder care workforce shortage, promote interdisciplinary team-based care, educate and engage family caregivers and improve the quality of care delivered to older adults, and for other purposes.
9/15/2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Health

S.1775 Rural Veterans Travel Enhancement Act of 2017

Introduced on 9/7/2017 by Senator Jon Tester (MT)
To amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care and for other purposes. 9/7/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

S.1742 Medicare at 55 Act

Introduced on 8/3/2017 by Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an option for any citizen or permanent resident of the United States ages 55 to 64 to buy into Medicare
8/3/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

Related: H.R.3748

Check active (federal) legislation any time [HERE](#)

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News & Information

From the **National Alzheimer's Project Act – What's New**: [HERE](#)

(be sure to scroll down the page)

Other related articles

ASU-Banner Neuroscience Partnership

All eyes on Alzheimer's <https://biodesign.asu.edu/news/all-eyes-alzheimer%E2%80%99s>

More News & Information

Kaiser Health News

A Few Pointers To Help Save Money And Avoid The Strain Of Medicare Enrollment [HERE](#) - 10/17/17 Susan Jaffe

Dementia Patient At Center of Spoon-Feeding Controversy Dies [HERE](#) - 10/12/17 JoNel Aleccia

Shedding New Light on Hospice Care: No Need To Wait For The 'Brink Of Death' [HERE](#) - Judith Graham, 9/7/2017

The Secret To Chronic Happiness As You Age [HERE](#) - Bruce Horovitz September 5, 2017

Aging related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

2017 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures: <http://alz.org/facts/>

Genworth Cost of Care Survey [HERE](#) – a tool used by many to help access cost of care.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – CFPB Finalizes Rule To Stop Payday Debt Traps
10/5/2017

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/cfpb-finalizes-rule-stop-payday-debt-traps/>

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD *Friday Updates, Friday, October 20, 2017*

Connecting with AAPIs About Dementia

The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging's (NAPCA) National Resource Center on Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Aging has developed two new resources in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, the University of Washington Healthy Brain Research Network, Washington State Department of Health, and Washington Dementia Action Collaborative. The purpose of these briefs is to share information for both service providers and policymakers on:

- Why dementia is such an important issue for the AAPI community;
- Barriers to dementia detection, treatment, and support for the AAPI community;
- Recent findings from a research study to test culturally appropriate messages to improve early identification of dementia by engaging adult children and their families; and,
- Recommendations and resources for better reaching the AAPI community.

[Click here](#) to read the briefs.

Friday Updates, Friday, October 13, 2017

Integrating Oral Health into Oregon Medicaid's Coordinated Care Model: Lessons for State Policymakers

Many adults enrolled in Medicaid lack adequate dental care coverage. Oregon uses Medicaid coordinated care organizations to offer integrated physical, mental health, and now oral care. A new report from the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), supported by the DentaQuest Foundation, examines Oregon's innovative payment and financing structures, incentive measures, and key partnerships that were important to building this model. The report is helpful for policymakers considering integrating dental in Medicaid reform. [Click here](#) for more information.

Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15 to December 7

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers is offered through the Area Agencies on Aging and DES Division of Aging & Adult Services.

More information [HERE](#)

Maricopa County residents can call **602-264 HELP (4357)**

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From the Public Affairs Specialist, **Arizona Social Security Administration**

[Social Security Announces 2.0 Percent Benefit Increase for 2018](#)

Social Security Retirement Planning Workshop

Phoenix Desert Broom Library, Tuesday, November 14 at 5:00 PM, 29710 N Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. The library can be reached at (602) 262-4636. [register here](#)

(ASU) - The State Press

Reporter: Daniella Simari

[ASU students start nonprofit to educate elderly on technology](#)

From AARP *Need A Ride? You Have Options* -

Highlights options like GoGoGrandparents [HERE](#)

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[Kaiser Health News](#)

Elder Abuse: ERs Learn How To Protect A Vulnerable Population [HERE](#) -Barbara Sadick, 8/28/2017

Soul Purpose: Seniors With Strong Reasons To Live Often Live Stronger [HERE](#) - Judith Graham, 8/31/2017

Despite Advance Directive, Dementia Patient Denied Last Wish, Says Spouse [HERE](#) - JoNel Aleccia, 8/21/2017

How To Get Long-Term Care At Home Without Busting The Bank [HERE](#) - Judith Graham, 7/27/2017

Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association / AzHHA awarded \$1 million grant to aid end-of-life care & planning services [HERE](#)

Governing Magazine - J.B. Wogan 8/31/2017

[Food Stamps Can Cut Seniors' Health Costs, But Most Aren't Using Them](#)

Governing Magazine - Mattie Quinn September 2017

[The Return of the Doctor House Call](#)

National Institute on Aging

Sustaining Momentum: NIH Takes Aim at Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias - budget proposal for fiscal year (FY) 2019 [HERE](#)

Alzheimer's Association – Cognitive Impairment Care Planning Toolkit is available for download at: <http://www.alz.org/careplanning/> and is intended to help clinicians deliver person-centered care.

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Joint Legislative Budget Committee

JLBC – Monthly Fiscal Highlights – November 2017 found [HERE](#) and reports “Year-to-date...FY 2018 General Fund revenues are 3.2% above the prior year and are \$18.8 million above forecast.”

Federal Overview

Updates

S.178 Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act became Public Law No: 115-70 on 10/18/2017

S.1028 RAISE Family Caregivers Act (or Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and

Engage Family Caregivers Act of 2017)

Introduced on 5/11/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop, maintain, and periodically update a National Family Caregiving Strategy.

Sec. 4) HHS shall convene a Family Caregiving Advisory Council to advise it on recognizing and supporting family caregivers.

9/27/2017 - Passed Senate and referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce

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To establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

10/13/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.849 Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act

Introduced on 2/3/2017 by Representative David P. Roe (TN-1)

This bill amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to terminate the independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB). Under PPACA, the IPAB is tasked with developing proposals to reduce the per capita rate of growth in Medicare spending.

11/6/2017 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

Other legislation

H.R.1 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act - Summary [HERE](#)

H.R.4256 BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act

Introduced on 11/6/2017 by Representative Brett Guthrie (KY-2)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, and for other purposes.

11/6/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Related bill: S.2076

H.R.4221 Kevin and Avonte's Law of 2017

Introduced on 11/2/2017 by Representative Christopher H. Smith (NJ-4)

To amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism.

11/21/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations

Related bill: S.2070

H.R.4169 Protecting Seniors Access to Proper Care Act of 2017

Introduced on 10/31/2017 by Representative Kenny Marchant (TX-24)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the enrollment restriction on certain physicians and practitioners prescribing covered outpatient drugs under the Medicare prescription drug program.

10/31/2017 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Ways and Means

H.R.4160 Preventing Foreclosures on Seniors Act of 2017

Introduced on 10/26/2017 by Representative Maxine Waters (CA-43)

To revise the FHA program for home equity conversion mortgages for elderly homeowners to add safeguards to prevent the displacement of homeowners, and for other purposes.

10/26/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services

H.R.3876 Protecting Seniors During Disasters Act

Introduced on 9/25/2017 by Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21)

To amend title XXVIII of the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Advisory Committee on Seniors and Disasters.

9/29/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.3759 RAISE Family Caregivers Act

Introduced on 9/13/2017 by Representative Gregg Harper (MS-3)

9/13/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Related bill: S.1028 (listed under Updates above)

S.2103 Protecting Seniors Through Immunization Act of 2017

Introduced on 11/8/2017 by Senator Mazie Hirono (HI)

This bill specifies that certain deductible, coinsurance, initial coverage limit, and cost-sharing requirements that apply under the Medicare prescription drug benefit shall not apply with respect to the shingles vaccine. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must provide Medicare beneficiaries specified information regarding: (1) coverage of vaccines for seniors, and (2) access to the shingles vaccine without cost-sharing.

11/8/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

Related bill: H.R.4297

S.2089 LGBT Elder Americans Act of 2017

Introduced on 11/7/2017 by Senator Michael Bennet (CO)

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide equal treatment of LGBT older individuals, and for other purposes.

11/7/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Related bill: H.R.4222

S.1977 Seniors Tax Hike Prevention Act of 2017

Introduced on 10/18/2017 by Senator Sherrod Brown (OH)

The bill amends the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to extend, through 2019, the rule that permits individuals who are 65 and older to deduct certain medical expenses that exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income. (A provision that reduced the 10% threshold for the medical expense deduction to 7.5% if a taxpayer or a taxpayer's spouse is 65 or older expired at the end of 2016). The bill also expresses the sense of the Senate that the reduction in revenues resulting from this bill should be offset by an appropriate amendment to the IRC.

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News & Information

From the **National Alzheimer's Project Act** – the National Institute on Aging (NIA) has

released a Request for Information (RFI) to collect public input on three specific ideas that the Institute is considering for a Challenge prize on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias research, and importantly, to collect additional suggestions for what the Institute might establish as a prize goal. Additional background information is provided in the RFI.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AG-17-018.html>

Please note:

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From the **National Alzheimer's Project Act – What's New:** [HERE](#)

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Understanding Medicare's Home Health Benefit [HERE](#)

November 2017 - Emerging Innovations in Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) for Family Caregivers [HERE](#)

Also from AARP - Bill Gates Donates \$50 Million to Alzheimer's Research Fund [HERE](#)

11/13/2017 - Kenneth Terrell

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Newsroom – 11/2/2017

Poll: Family Members of Older Adults with Serious Illness Are More Confident That They Know Their Medical Wishes When They Have Written Documents [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News

Shingles: Don't Let It Get You The Way It Got Me [HERE](#)

11/20/2017 - Bruce Horovitz

Learning To Advance The Positives Of Aging [HERE](#)

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National Council on Aging/NCOA

Falls Prevention Conversation Guide for Caregivers – **Webinar on November 28** from **4 – 5 pm. More information and additional webinars at:** <https://www.ncoa.org/event/introducing-falls-prevention-conversation-guide-caregivers/>

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD *Friday Updates, Friday, November 17, 2017*

New Medicare Cards

Beginning on April 1, 2018, new Medicare cards with new numbers will be mailed to all people with Medicare. In January 2018, new Medicare card outreach to and education for people with Medicare will begin. The new cards will have a new number unique to each person with Medicare instead of the Social Security Number-based Health Insurance Claim Numbers currently used, to help protect the identities of people with Medicare. CMS has resources you can use when you talk to people with Medicare about the new Medicare cards.

[Click here](#) to access the resources.

Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15 to December 7

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers is offered through the Area

Agencies on Aging and DES Division of Aging & Adult Services.

More information [HERE](#)

Maricopa County residents can call **602-264 HELP (4357)**

VA Caregiver Support

The VA Caregiver Support Line Celebrates Veteran Caregivers “Caregiving Around the Clock” Caregiver Self-Care Activity Book [HERE](#)

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Infographic [HERE](#)

From the Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

FACT OF THE WEEK 9/26/2017

Almost half of Boomers who provide unpaid caregiving are employed or self-employed

Among **Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964) who are involved in unpaid caregiving for a family member, 37% are employed full-time or part-time, 9% are self-employed,** and 54% are not employed, including 35% who are retired, according to a 2017 survey by Transamerica. (p. 27)

Collinson, C., & De La Torre, H. (2017) The many faces of caregivers: A close-up look at caregiving and its impacts. Generational influences. Los Angeles: Transamerica. Retrieved from [this source](#).

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INFORMATION& RESOURCES

From the **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council**

Grant money – Community Inclusion Grant Opportunity - Cochise County

More information including the application [HERE](#)

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – Culture of Connections – free event

ResCare HomeCare and United Healthcare – An Educational Conference for Professionals& Community who Work with Military Veterans & their Families. 5.5 CEUS approved for Social Workers and Nurses

Eventbrite registry [HERE](#)

Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 10:00 – 11:30 am

The Rhythm of Life at **Memory Cafe**

Beth El Congregation, 1118 W Glendale Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85021

RSVP to Kathy Rood at 602-452-4627 or kathy.rood@jfcsaz.org

December 13, 2017 Mindfulness Matters

Free classes for caregivers provided by **Dementia Friendly Tempe, Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe AZ 85282**; registration required: call 602-839-6850 or email BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com

SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT planning workshops free and open to the general public:

Queen Creek Library, Monday, December 4 at 5:30 PM, 21802 S Ellsworth Rd, Queen Creek, AZ 85142. The library can be reached at (602) 652-3000. [Registration not required, more info. here](#)

Phoenix Juniper Library, Monday, December 5 at 5:30 PM, 1825 W Union Hills Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027. The library can be reached at (602) 262-4636. [register here](#)

Phoenix Agave Library, Monday, December 12 at 5:30 PM, 23550 N 36th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85310. The library can be reached at (602) 262-4636. [register here](#)

Murphy Wilmot Library, Thursday, December 14 at 11:00 AM, 530 N Wilmot Rd, Tucson, AZ 85710. The library can be reached at (520) 594-5420. Register by contacting the library.

Joyner Green Valley Library, Thursday, December 14 at 2:00 PM, 601 N La Canada Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614. The library can be reached at (520) 594-5295. Register by contacting the library.

Area Agency on Aging Region One Mosaic Center® featured on 91.5 **KJZZ News** - Information [HERE](#)

LiveWellAZ.org website has a new look at: <http://livewellaz.org/>

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Kaiser Health News

A Few Pointers To Help Save Money And Avoid The Strain Of Medicare Enrollment [HERE](#)

10/17/17 Susan Jaffe

Dementia Patient At Center of Spoon-Feeding Controversy Dies [HERE](#)

10/12/17 JoNel Aleccia

Shedding New Light on Hospice Care: No Need To Wait For The 'Brink Of Death' [HERE](#)

Judith Graham, 9/7/2017

The Secret To Chronic Happiness As You Age [HERE](#)

Bruce Horovitz September 5, 2017

ASU-Banner Neuroscience Partnership

All eyes on Alzheimer's <https://biodesign.asu.edu/news/all-eyes-alzheimer%E2%80%99s>

Genworth Cost of Care Survey [HERE](#) – a tool often used to help access cost of care information.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – CFPB Finalizes Rule To Stop Payday Debt Traps
10/5/2017

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/cfpb-finalizes-rule-stop-payday-debt-traps/>

ASU - State Press

Reporter: Daniella Simari

[ASU students start nonprofit to educate elderly on technology](#)

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From the Governor’s Office

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Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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53rd Legislature – 2nd Regular Session convenes January 8, 2018

House and Senate bills posted to date can be located at: <https://www.azleg.gov/bills/>

Watch for the Governor's State of the State address on opening day.

In case you're interested:

Calendar of meetings and events found at: <https://www.azleg.gov/alis-today/>

Joint Legislative Budget Committee

JLBC – Monthly Fiscal Highlights – December 2017 found [HERE](#) and reports "Year-to-date...FY 2018 General Fund revenues are 3.3% above the prior year and are \$12.2 million above forecast."

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Federal Overview

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Updates

H.R.4256 BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act

Introduced on 11/6/2017 by Representative Brett Guthrie (KY-2)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, and for other purposes.

11/10/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Related bill: **S.2076**

Related legislation for **S.2070 Kevin and Avonte's Law of 2017** which was Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and in addition to the Committees on Health and the Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration on 12/22/2017

H.R.4221 Kevin and Avonte's Law of 2017

Introduced on 11/2/2017 by Representative Christopher H. Smith (NJ-4)

To amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism.

11/30/2017 Sponsor introductory remarks on measure

H.R.3758 Senior Safe Act of 2017

Introduced on 9/13/2017 by Representative Krysten Sinema (AZ-9)

To provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes.

11/28/2017 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 314.

Related legislation for **S.1028 RAISE Family Caregivers Act**

H.R.3759 RAISE Family Caregivers Act

Introduced on 9/13/2017 by Representative Gregg Harper (MS-3)

12/19/2017 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Related legislation for **S.870 Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017**

H.R.4579 Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017

Introduced on 12/6/2017 by Representative Peter Welch (VT-At Large)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to implement Medicare payment policies designed to improve management of chronic disease, streamline care coordination, and improve quality outcomes without adding to the deficit.

12/6/2017 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

S.1766 SAFER Act of 2017

Introduced on 9/6/2017 by Senator John Cornyn (TX)

To reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, and for other purposes. Act cited as Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting Act of 2017

12/21/2017 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection

Related bill: **H.R.3541**

Other legislation

S.2156 Hospital Payment Fairness Act of 2017

Introduced on 11/16/2017 by Senator Claire McCaskill (MO)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

11/16/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2121 Ensuring Access to Air Ambulance Services Act of 2017

Introduced on 11/14/2017 by Senator Dean Heller (NV)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

11/14/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.2117 Fair Access to Insurance for Retired (FAIR) Heroes Act of 2017

Introduced on 11/9/2017 by Senator Bill Nelson (FL)

To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the TRICARE program to include certain veterans entitled to benefits under the Medicare program due to conditions or injuries incurred during service in the Armed Forces and to waive the Medicare part B late enrollment penalty for such veterans, and for other purposes.

11/9/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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9/27/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

H.Res.627 Recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States

Introduced on 11/16/2017 by Representative Lynn Jenkins (KS-2)

11/16/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.4701 CARES Act of 2017

Introduced on 12/20/2017 by Representative James B. Renacci (OH-16)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 3-day prior hospitalization requirement for Medicare coverage of skilled nursing facility services in qualified skilled nursing facilities, and for other purposes.

12/20/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R.4621 Global Brain Health Act of 2017

Introduced on 12/12/2017 by Representative Christopher H. Smith (NJ-4)

To galvanize United States Government programs in support of brain health for global victims of autism, hydrocephalus and Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and for other purposes.

12/12/2017 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.4524 Retirement Plan Simplification and Enhancement Act of 2017

Introduced on 12/1/2017 by Representative Richard E. Neal (MA-1)

To expand retirement coverage, preserve retirement income, simplify rules related to retirement plans, and for other purposes.

12/1/2017 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce

H.R.4521 SNAP Simplification for the Elderly Act

Introduced on 12/1/2017 by Representative Al Lawson, Jr. (FL-5)
To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to simplify the SNAP recertification process for the elderly and disabled, and to spur innovation in the application process of SNAP, the Medicare Savings Program, and supplemental security income that will increase the utilization of entitlement programs among the most vulnerable of populations.
12/21/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition

H.R.4457 Veterans Empowerment Act

Introduced on 11/21/2017 by Representative Doug Lamborn (CO-5)
To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Accountable Care Organization and to provide veterans access to private health insurance plans, and for other purposes.
12/7/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel

H.R.4242 VA Care in the Community Act

Introduced on 11/3/2017 by Representative David P. Roe (TN-1)
To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a permanent VA Care in the Community Program, and for other purposes.
12/19/2017 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 14 – 9

H.R.4229 Protecting HOME Access Act of 2017

Introduced on 11/2/2017 by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)
To extend the transition to new payment rates for durable medical equipment under the Medicare program and amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to update the Medicare budget neutrality requirement for oxygen.
11/3/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.4206 Medicare Care Coordination Improvement Act of 2017

Introduced on 11/1/2017 by Larry Bucshon (IN-8)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize the physician self-referral prohibitions to promote care coordination in the merit-based incentive payment system and to facilitate physician practice participation in alternative payment models under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.
11/3/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.4178 Heart Act

Introduced on 10/31/2017 by Representative Jodey C. Arrington (TX-19)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reform to and a permanent extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital program, and for other purposes. Text [HERE](#)
11/1/2017 Sponsor introductory remarks on measure

H.R.4133 Medicare Patient Empowerment Act of 2017

Introduced on 10/25/2017 by Representative Pete Sessions (TX-32)
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare

benefits.

10/27/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.4097 Medicare Beneficiary Opioid Addiction Treatment Act

Introduced on 10/23/2017 by Representative Richard E. Neal (MA-1)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of methadone under Medicare part B.

10/27/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

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Frail Patients Losing Access to Dental House Calls [HERE](#)

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Straight Talk for Seniors®: The Final Tax Reform Bill

Updated Dec. 20 [HERE](#)

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The Flourish Care Model: Utilizing the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) to Implement a Shared-Care Approach to Health Care for Older Adults

The Aging and Disability Business Institute is hosting a webinar on the Flourish Care model. The Flourish Care model developed partnerships between primary care practices, local area agencies on aging and community coalitions to promote effective care coordination and quality care for older adults in rural areas. This is a shared-care approach to healthcare and functions

from the belief that health is more than just visiting a primary care physician and taking medications. This webinar will share lessons learned from this partnership and report on preliminary results on care improvement for older adults with two or more chronic conditions. Two case studies will be presented to demonstrate how the Flourish Care model benefited rural older adults.

This webinar will take place on Tuesday, January 23 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm ET.

Click [here](#) for more information.

INFORMATION& RESOURCES

Arizona Transit Association 31st Annual Transit Conference

Registration is Open; More information [HERE](#)

Area Agency on Aging Region One is accepting application for *Too Many Treasures Hoarding Therapy Group* designed to educate and gently guide individuals who self-identify with hoarding behaviors. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information call **602-241-5577**

Social Security Retirement planning workshops free and open to the general public at the following libraries/locations:

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Phoenix Mesquite Library, Tuesday, January 30 at 5:30 PM,4525 Paradise Village Pkwy N Phoenix, AZ 85032 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 262-4636](tel:602-262-4636). [Register here](#)

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