

## Welcome to the Legislative Update for May 3, 2013

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's seniors and advocates for aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and to 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. Thank you for your interest!

*Due to Council on Aging meetings, an abbreviated version is offered today.*

### First Regular Session of the 51<sup>st</sup> Legislature

The legislative session is at Day 110; since last Friday, 118 floor actions filed; 11 of those related to legislation tracked by the Council on Aging. The watch continues for budget bills.

### Other News

**Joint Legislative Budget Committee** updated April Baseline Cost Estimates for AHCCCS and DHS can be viewed at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/april2013baselinecostestimates.pdf>.

### Supplementary Medicaid Baseline Information

<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/supplementarymedicaidbaselineinformation.pdf>

While discussions continue on Medicaid expansion, advocates announced a **Medicaid Restoration Coalition** Rally on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 am, House Lawn, Arizona State Capitol.

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### Legislation

Legislative and administrative actions taking place on *any remaining bills* tracked by the Council on Aging are outlined here with fact sheets or summaries from the Arizona State Legislature, when available. Note: you can view summaries provided by *Arizona Capitol Reports-LOLA* on the FULL LIST and SHORT LIST reports provided at the links later in this issue.

### Signed by the Governor

#### **H2272: burial duties; designated person**

House Summary 4/24:

[http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.hb2272\\_04-23-13\\_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf](http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.hb2272_04-23-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf)

**H2513: dentistry**

Senate Fact sheet:

[http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/s.2513hhs-cem\\_aspassed.pdf](http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/s.2513hhs-cem_aspassed.pdf)

**S1341 vulnerable adults; financial exploitation**

House Summary:

[http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1341\\_04-30-13\\_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf](http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1341_04-30-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf)

**Vetoed**

**S1437: music therapy; licensure**

Governor's letter regarding the veto:

[http://azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR\\_043013\\_SB1437VetoLtr.pdf](http://azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_043013_SB1437VetoLtr.pdf)

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**REMINDER:** Bill summaries, actions, hearings and other information are provided on all the legislation tracked by the Council this session at the **FULL LIST** and **SHORT LIST** links provided below.

**Day 110:**

**1,147 bills posted, 219 bills passed; 186 bills signed; 11 vetoed; 75 memorials or resolutions posted and 16 passed.** Some of these bills may be of interest to Arizona seniors and are being tracked by the Council and appear on the **Legislative Update** web report pages.

Our **FULL LIST** link below includes all bills originally placed on the tracking list; the **SHORT LIST** link of bills is provided for quick reference on legislation that is moving forward.

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the Council's tracking lists *does not represent support or opposition* by the Council to that bill. It **does** mean that the bill is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans so the Council is tracking the bill's progress.

**FULL LIST:**

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=24960&listid=47124&print=true>

**SHORT LIST:**

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25113&listid=48764&print=true>

**Important to note:** The **web reports above** provide you with the current status about bills being tracked by the Council and are **available and**

**updated on an ongoing basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This list will continue to be edited as the session continues.** Information about bill status, hearing, etc. is a purchased service provided by the **Arizona Capitol Times**.

Both the Senate and the House are adjourned at this time until Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) or **From Idea To Bill To Law, The Legislative Process in Arizona** linked [here](#).

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**Share your thoughts!** 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:

· **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 or toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)

· Or **contacting your legislator from your area**...locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature website** and looking for: *How do I find My Legislators* or by following the instructions provided at both the **Senate** and **House Member** links at the website.

· **Not sure about your district? District maps** can be found on the website linked [here](#).

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#### **FEDERAL OVERVIEW:**

State work period during this week; Congress convenes on Monday, May 6, 2013.

**Check on active legislation at:**

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/b\\_three\\_sections\\_with\\_teasers/active\\_leg\\_page.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/b_three_sections_with_teasers/active_leg_page.htm).

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**NOTE:** If you want information specific to a bill, go to the **Thomas** website (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>) and enter the bill number or title under *Search Bill Summary & Status* or check **Congress.gov United States Legislative Information** at: <http://beta.congress.gov/>.

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**Share your opinions with members of Congress!**

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting:  
<http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the Senate.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

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**You can contact the White House at this [link](#).**

A compilation of contact information is provided at:  
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

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## **OTHER NEWS**

From the **Administration for Community Living**

**FY 2014 Budget Statement is provided [here](#).**

**FY 2014 ACL Budget page of documents is available [here](#).**

ALSO:

From ***ACL News & Information, Monday, April 29, 2013***

**[Retirement and Medical Benefits: Who Has Both?](#)**

***Source: Bureau of labor Statistics***

***Date: April 2013***

**[INSURING the FUTURE: Current Trends in Health Coverage and the Effects of Implementing the Affordable Care Act](#)**

***Source: Commonwealth Fund***

***Date: April 2013***

**[Assessing the Effects of the Economy on the Recent Slowdown in Health Spending](#)**

***Source: Kaiser Family Foundation***

***Date: April 2013***

**[Fostering Independence, Participation, and Healthy Aging Through Technology:](#)**

**[Workshop \(Summary Only\)](#)**

**Source: National Academy of Sciences**

**Date: April 2013**

From **HHS**

Translating Veterans Medical Skills into Nursing Careers press release is provided [here](#).

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**The Associated Press - NORC Center for Public Affairs Research at the University of Chicago**

***April 24, 2013 Long Term Care Perceptions, Experience, and Attitudes of Americans 40 or Older*** is linked [here](#).

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**Kaiser Health News**

***Advocates Head to Court to Overturn Medicare Rules for Observation Care*** is linked [here](#).

In case you missed it

***Seniors Get Hung Up in Health Care Scams*** is posted at:

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2013/April/22/insurance-scams.aspx>

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From the **National Eye Institute & National Institutes of Health**

***May is National Healthy Vision Month***

<http://www.nei.nih.gov/hvm/>

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From the **National Council on Aging**

**Better Choices, Better Health** is provided [here](#).

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From the **National Association of States United for Aging & Disabilities**  
**NASUAD Friday Updates May 3, 2013**

**HHS Issues SSBG Allocations to Reflect the Sequester**

The Office of Community Services within The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within HHS updated the third and fourth quarter FY13 allocations of the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds to reflect sequestration. While the automatic spending cuts reduce SSBG funding for all of FY13 from \$1.7 billion to \$1.613 billion, because the first two FY13 SSBG quarterly allocations were issued before sequestration took effect, the full cut must be absorbed in the second half of the fiscal year. As a result, downward adjustments of approximately 10 percent will have to be made in the third and fourth quarter allocations.

To download the revised allocations, please follow [this link](#).

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**National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease**

**The latest information is posted** at this [link](#). (Be sure to scroll up the page for current information.)

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging April 24, 2013 hearing on the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease is linked [here](#).

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From the **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission** [Avoiding Fraud](#)

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**INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

*In case you missed these last week*

**May is Better Hearing and Speech Month**

**WHAT: FREE Hearing Health Fair**

**WHEN: Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 10 am to 2 pm, 100 N.15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix AZ

More information is provided [here](#).

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**WHAT: Alzheimer's Education Session; Know the 10 Signs**

**WHEN: Wednesday, May 22**, 2 pm to 4 pm, Arizona Commission for the Deaf & the Hard of Hearing Conference Room, 100 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 104, Phoenix AZ

No Charge; registration *is required*. For more information, click [here](#).

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**WHAT: 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference; *The Evolution of Rural Health***

**WHEN: August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2013, Prescott AZ

For more information, open this [link](#).

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**Creating Caring Communities; NACOG AAA 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference**

**2013 Call for Presentations** is linked [here](#).

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From the **Arizona Coalition for Military Families**

**Military/Veteran Resource Network:**  
<http://militaryveteranresourcenetwork.org/>

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From **Stewart Communications April 2013 Newsletter (928) 778-3747**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS COALITION will next meet on May 9 at 10 a.m. at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Suite B. Info: Barbara Mikkelsen, U.S.VETS-Prescott, Executive Director at 717-7581 or [bmikkelsen@usvetsinc.org](mailto:bmikkelsen@usvetsinc.org).

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Just in case you're interested

Back issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

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If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov). Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

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**Please look for the next issue of the *Legislative Update* the week of  
May 17, 2013.**

**Thank you and have a good weekend!**

**~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**