

**Welcome to the Legislative Update for September 28, 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!

Between legislative sessions, it is our intent to offer the **Legislative Update** on a bi-monthly basis.

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

**JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights September 2013** is linked [here](#).

"Year-to-date, General Fund revenues are 4.6% above the prior year and are \$7.6 million above forecast."

**Tracking Arizona's Recovery September 2013** can be viewed [here](#).

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Interested in the legislation tracked last session? You can access the SHORT List and the FULL List of all bills tracked by the Council at the Council's *Legislative Update* page by viewing past issues linked [here](#).

Do note that the presence of a bill on any one of the Council's tracking lists *does not represent support or opposition* by the Council to that bill. It **does** mean that it was tracked because it might be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

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**Governor's Advisory Council on Aging 2013 Senior Action Days**

The Advisory Council on Aging will be holding **Senior Action Day** events around the state beginning Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the events is to offer older Arizonans with an opportunity to engage in a dialogue with Council members, invited state legislators and local elected officials on issues of importance to seniors in our state. The non-partisan events provide legislators with the opportunity to hear directly from older constituents from their districts in a manner that's as time efficient and cost effective as possible.

Information collected at these events is used to develop the priorities of the

Council on Aging and is shared with State agencies for planning purposes.

A list of the events and links to the flyers for those events can be found at: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/SeniorActionDays.asp>.

Fact Sheet *Why Older Arizonans Need Our Support* is provided [here](#).

For those service providers and advocates unable to attend, we invite you to take a few minutes to complete the survey and participate in this year's Senior Action Day process by letting us know what you feel are concerns of older Arizonans. A link to the survey is provided at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GB53DKY>.

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**Share your thoughts at any time!** 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**. You can 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 [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov).

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

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In case you missed it

**Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System AHCCCS**

**Medicaid Moving Forward** webpage that outlines updates to Medicaid programs is provided [here](#).

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**Planning ahead for the next session**

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** provided [here](#).

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**FEDERAL OVERVIEW:**

Today, the House amended the Senate passed H.J. Res.59 continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014; if the Senate rejects the bill, a shutdown seems certain.

Aging related legislation

### **H.R.3090**

#### **Elder Protection and Abuse Prevention Act**

Introduced on 9/12/2013 by Representative Matt Cartwright (PA-17)

Elder Protection and Abuse Prevention Act

Amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 to direct the Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Aging to: (1) ensure that all programs funded under such Act include appropriate training in elder abuse prevention and the provision of services that address elder justice and exploitation, and (2) update periodically the need for and benefit of such training related to prevention of abuse, neglect, and exploitation (including financial exploitation) of older adults.

Makes it a duty and function of the Administration on Aging to: (1) establish priority information and assistance services for older individuals; (2) ensure full collaboration between all governmental information and assistance systems that serve older individuals; and (3) develop a National Eldercare Locator Service, with a nationwide toll free number.

Directs the Assistant Secretary, by grant or contract with a national nonprofit entity, to establish a National Adult Protective Services Resources Center to improve the capacity of state and local adult protective services programs to: (1) respond effectively to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults, including home care consumers and residents of long-term care facilities; and (2) coordinate with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Requires each area plan to provide that the area agency on aging: (1) increases public awareness of elder abuse and financial exploitation, and removes barriers to elder abuse education, prevention, investigation, and treatment; (2) coordinates elder justice activities of the area agency on aging, community health centers, other public agencies, and nonprofit private organizations; (3) develops standardized, coordinated, and reporting protocols with respect to elder abuse; and (4) reports instances of elder abuse.

Directs the Assistant Secretary to make grants to states under approved state plans for elder abuse and neglect screening.

Requires a state operating a nutrition project to encourage individuals who distribute nutrition services to distribute information on diabetes, elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and the annual Medicare wellness exam.

Requires a state, an area agency on aging, a nonprofit organization, or a tribal organization that receives a grant for an older individuals' protection from violence project to use it to research and replicate successful models of elder

abuse, neglect, and exploitation prevention and training.

Directs the Assistant Secretary to award grants and enter into contracts with eligible organizations to carry out projects to engage volunteers over 50 years of age in providing support and information to older adults (and their families or caretakers) who have experienced or are at risk of elder abuse.

Allows a state to use funds under the National Family Caregiver Support Program to support the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

On 9/12/2013, the bill was referred to House committee on Education and the Workforce.

Related Bills: [S.1019](#)

### **H.R.3114**

#### **Helping Families and Seniors Save on Health Care Act of 2013**

Introduced on 9/17/2013 by Representative Ron Barber (AZ-2)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the income threshold used in determining the deduction for medical care.

On 9/17/2013, the bill was referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

### **H.R.3152**

#### **Pay Our Veterans and Seniors First Act**

Introduced on 9/19/2013 by Representative Tom Reed (NY-23)

To prohibit Members of Congress, the President, the Vice President, and the head of any Executive department from receiving pay for any period in which there is a Government shutdown and to provide for payments to seniors, military and veterans during a Government shutdown.

On 9/19/2013, referred to House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, House Administration, Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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If you want to check on the status of any of these bills or others, go to the **Thomas** website (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>) and enter the bill number or title under *Search Bill Summary & Status*.

You can also conduct a bill search and review at:  
<http://beta.congress.gov/>.

See **active federal 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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**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](#).**

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

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**NEWS & RESOURCES**

From the **National Institutes of Health**

**NIH funding boosts new Alzheimer's research on prevention, novel drug targets**

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2013/nia-18.htm>

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From National Center on Senior Transportation **NCST News**

[Volunteer Transportation](#)

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**National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2013 Update**  
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/NatPlan2013.shtml>

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From the **National Council on Aging NCOA**

## [Facts about Older Workers](#)

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From **Kaiser Health News**

***FAQ: What You Need to Know About The New Online Marketplaces***

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

**A Very Quick Guide to Health Insurance Exchanges** is linked [here](#).

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

***NASUAD Friday Updates September 27, 2013***

### **Senate Hearing on Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2013 to Take Place on October 2**

The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee is scheduled to mark up legislation to reauthorize the Older Americans Act on Wednesday, **October 2**. The legislation, which has yet to be formally introduced, represents the bipartisan efforts of the HELP Committee leadership, and that of the Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging. NASUAD applauds the bipartisan working group, and will continue to monitor and engage on the draft bill's movement. The text of the bill will be available at [www.nasuad.org](http://www.nasuad.org) when it is released.

[Click here](#) to view the Executive Session notice.

[Click here](#) to view the draft bill.

[Click here](#) to view a summary of the bill's contents

### **CFPB Releases a Guidance to Financial Institutions to Help Spot Elder Financial Exploitation and Abuse**

Older Americans are often targeted by scam artists, family members, financial advisers, caregivers, home repair target, among others. Financial institutions often spot the red flags for abuse sooner than anyone else can, but their employees may be confused about whether privacy laws allow them to share information with authorities that can take action.

Along with other federal regulators, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) released guidance which clarifies for banks and other financial institutions that they generally may report suspected elder financial exploitation to the appropriate authorities without breaking a federal privacy law.

[Click here](#) to view the CFPB guidance.

**Statement of the NAMD, the NASUAD, and the NASDDDS Responding to the U.S. Department of Labor Changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act** Can be found [here](#):

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**Commission on Long-Term Care** released report and recommendations

Commission Report is found [here](#).

Alternative report is provided [here](#).

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***Arizona's Health IT***

***Roadmap 2.0***

**Public Meeting**

*Arizona's Health IT Roadmap 2.0*, a community strategic planning process aimed at developing a shared vision and roadmap for health IT progress in Arizona for the next two to three years, will hold its first public meeting on October 1, 2013. AzHeC has led the project, funded by the Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology (ASET) office through the Arizona HIE Cooperative Agreement Program, with consulting and subject matters expertise from Mosaica Partners, LLC.

[Registration](#) available online before October 1<sup>st</sup>

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**INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

**WHAT: 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Area Agency on Aging Elder Issues Conference; *Creating Caring Communities: Positive Changes, Positive Choices***

**WHEN: October 10, 2013**, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff, AZ

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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**WHAT: *Living with PURPOSE in a Worn-Out Body and Joy Boosters***

**WHEN: Friday, October 18, 2013**, 9 am to 2:30 pm, Faith Presbyterian Church, 2053 East Choctaw Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

More information is provided at this [link](#)

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**WHAT: Arizona Geriatrics Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Symposium**  
*Multimorbidity & The Interprofessional Team: Keeping Patients at the Center of Care*

**WHEN: Friday and Saturday, November 8 - 9, 2013**, Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix AZ

More information including registration is provided [here](#).

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**WHAT: Arizona Passenger Rail Conference and ADOT Transit Safety/Security Training Provided by NTI**

**WHEN: November 14 & 15, 201; November 13, 2013**, Tucson Marriott University Park, 800 East Second Street, Tucson AZ

More information and registration is provided [here](#).

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**Save the Date**

**WHAT: Western Arizona Council of Governments WACOG Area Agency on Aging Region IV Conference on Aging**

**WHEN: January 30, 2014**, Hilton Garden Inn Yuma/Pivot Point

For more information, click [here](#).

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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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**Enjoy the fall season!**

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



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