



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### **Welcome to the Legislative Update for August 19, 2016**

This email newsletter 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. **Between legislative sessions of the Arizona State Legislature**, the *Legislative Updates* focuses on news and information. 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. Thank you for your interest!

(Be sure to open the [links](#) throughout this issue for the latest information and resources.)

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### **FEDERAL OVERVIEW**

#### **Updates**

#### **H.R.5694**

#### **Senior Citizen Protection Act of 2016**

Introduced on 7/8/2016 by Representative Gwen Graham (FL-2)

Requires the Department of Justice to establish guidelines for states to design and implement elder abuse registries. DOJ may award state grants to establish and operate such registries. Additionally, DOJ must establish and maintain a national database that contains information from state elder abuse registries.

**Latest Action: 7/22/2016 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.**

#### **H.R.5689**

#### **Disability Integration Act of 2016**

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

**Latest Action: 7/22/2016 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.**

**H.R.3700**

**Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016**

Introduced on 10/7/2015 by Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-3)

The bill amends the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 and other housing laws to modify the Department of Housing and Urban Development's rental assistance (including section 8 low-income voucher and public housing programs, the Federal Housing Administration's requirements for condominium mortgage insurance, and the Department of Agriculture's single family housing guaranteed loan program.

**Latest Action: 7/29/2016 Became Public Law No: 114-201.**

**S.3055**

**Department of Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016**

Introduced on 6/14/2016 by Senator Richard Burr (NC)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans.

**Latest Action: On 7/29/2016 Became Public Law No: 114-218.**

**S.2614**

**Kevin and Avonte's Law of 2016**

Introduced on 3/1/2016 by Representative Charles E. Schumer (NY)

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.

**Latest Action: on 7/27/2016 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.**

**S.524**

**Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016**

Introduced on 2/12/2015 by Senator Seldon Whitehouse (RI)

To authorize the Attorney General and Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to address the prescription opioid abuse and heroin use crisis, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action: 7/22/2016 Became Public Law No: 114-198**

**Other legislation**

**H.R.5927**

**Hospital Quality Rating Transparency Act of 2016**

Introduced on 7/25/2016 by Representative James B. Renacci (OH-16)

To delay for one year the release of the Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings, and for other purposes.

On 7/25/2016 referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**H.R.5902**

**Disability Community Act of 2016**

Introduced on 7/14/2016 by Representative Paul Tonko (NY-20)

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a temporary higher Federal medical assistance percentage for Federal expenditures under the Medicaid program that are associated with the cost of compliance with certain Federal regulations with respect to services furnished in certain intermediate care facilities or home and community-based services furnished to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

On 7/14/2016 referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**H.R.5844**

**ACTION for National Service Act**

Introduced on 7/14/2016 by Representative John B. Larson (CT-1)

To establish a National and Community Service Administration to carry out the national and volunteer service programs, to expand participation in such programs, and for other purposes.

On 7/14/2016 referred to House Ways and Means.

**H.R.5799**

## **Rural Access to Hospice Act of 2016**

Introduced on 7/14/2016 by Representative Lynn Jenkins (KS-2)

To amend title XVII 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.

On 7/14/2016 referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## **H.R.5613**

**To provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016.**

Introduced on 7/1/2016 by Representative Lynn Jenkins (KS-2)

On 7/21/2016 reported (amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means.

## **S.3270**

### **Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act**

Introduced on 7/14/2016 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.

On 7/14/2016 read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **S.3236**

### **BENES Act of 2016**

Introduced on 7/14/2016 by Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (PA)

A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a system to educate individuals approaching Medicare eligibility, to simplify and modernize the eligibility enrollment process, and to provide for additional assistance for complaints and requests of Medicare beneficiaries that relate to their enrollment in the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

On 7/14/2016 read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **S.3230**

## **Senior Home Modification Assistance Initiative Act**

Introduced on 7/14/2016 by Senator Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

The bill amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 to direct the Administration on Aging to:

- Carry out an initiative to coordinate federal resources to provide home modifications for older individuals to support enabling them to live independently and safely in a home environment
- Identify and publish an educational brochure on home modifications and repairs for use by older individuals attempting to live independently and safely in their homes and by their caregivers

On 7/14/2016 read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

### **Funding**

## **H.R.5926 – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017**

Introduced 7/22/2016 by Representative Tom Cole (OK-4)

Text [HERE](#)

7/22/2016 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 541.

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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 Representative or Senators 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

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

ALSO: USA.gov provides contact information at:  
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

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## ELECTION RESOURCES

Primary Election is August 30 and General Election is November 8, 2016.

Arizona Votes 2016: <http://www.arizona.vote/>

Citizens Clean Elections Commission resources at:  
<http://www.azcleelections.gov/en/primary-election>

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## NEWS& RESOURCES

From the Administration for Community Living

*\$2.2 Million in ACL Grants to Enhance State Adult Protective Services Systems*

August 18, 2016 news release: [HERE](#)

(This includes an award to **Arizona** as one of 13 states selected; see the release for more information.)

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From the Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

AGenda Aging & Work Blog: [Elder Care Is Everyone's Issue](#)

By Judi Casey, WorkLife Consultant

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From [Kaiser Health News](#)

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 KHN Morning Briefing

[Medical Providers Try Uber, Lyft For Patients With Few Transportation Options](#)

Friday, July 29, 2016 First Edition

*Elderly Hospital Patients Arrive Sick, Often Leave Disabled* [HERE](#)

*Teaching In-Home Caregivers Seems to Pay Off* provided [HERE](#)

*Assisted Living Residents With Dementia Prone To Abusing Others, Study Finds* [HERE](#)

See all the aging topics on the **KHN Aging** webpage: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

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

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

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

*Friday Updates, August 12, 2016*

**Webinar: Physician Perspectives on Using Telemedicine to Address the Shortage of Mental Health Providers**

Health Management Associates (HMA) is hosting the webinar "Physician Perspectives on Using Telemedicine to Address the Shortage of Mental Health Providers." HMA physicians, an internist and psychiatrist, will discuss the impact that telemedicine and other technologies can have on improving access and care for vulnerable mental health populations. The session will also outline the most important elements of a telemedicine program with a special emphasis on the needs of patients and perspectives of the interdisciplinary teams serving them. The webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, August 25, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

**Webinar: Faith-Related Dementia Programs**

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) will present a webinar entitled "Examples of Developing and Implementing Faith-Related Dementia Programs." Participants will learn about two faith-related programs for people with dementia and their caregivers- Alzheimer's Orange County Interfaith Outreach Program in Orange County, California and the Respite Ministry in Montgomery, Alabama. The webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 23, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

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From *Governing Daily Newsletter*

July 26, 2016 Feature Story

*With Hospitals in Critical Condition, Can Rural America Survive?* [HERE](#)

July 27, 2016 By Stateline

[The Silent Drug Epidemic of Older Adults](#)

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From *Oral Health America's August Wisdom Tooth Insider*

“OHA’s new webinar series, featuring the work of our Wisdom Tooth Project State Partners and other entities placing efforts on improving the health of older adults. Listen to the [recording](#) from the most recent webinar, titled *Barriers to Food Access Experienced by Older Adults*.”

Also: Save the Date for “Oral Care in Long Term Care” Tuesday, August 30 at 1:00 pm CDT. Register [HERE](#)

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**National Council on Aging/NCOA**

**Ageing Program Funding Table** (updated July 12)

<https://www.ncoa.org/wp-content/uploads/FY17-July.pdf>

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**In case you missed it last time...**

From [Kaiser Health News](#)

[\*New Funding Seeks To Help Clinics Swamped By Demand For Dental Care\*](#)

[\*Few Young Doctors Are Training To Care For U.S. Elderly\*](#)

[\*Younger Seniors Amass More End-of-Life Care Than Oldest Americans, Study Finds\*](#)

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**PBS - Next Avenue blog, Heidi Raschke**

[Chorus Lets Those Dealing with Dementia Make New Memories](#)

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National Aging and Disability Transportation Center website: <http://www.nadtc.org/>

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Genworth comparison of care costs across the U.S.

<https://www.genworth.com/about-us/industry-expertise/cost-of-care.html>

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**Fiscal News**

**Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

JLBC – [Monthly Fiscal Highlights July 2016](#) reports “At the end of the Regular Session, FY 2016 was projected to have an ending balance of \$225 million...the JLBC Staff is currently estimating the FY 2016 ending balance to be \$222 million.”

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**INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

**2017 Innovation Grants Orientation Sessions**

**Vitalyst Health Innovation Grants**

Orientation session on September 8 and September 9, 2016

More information [HERE](#)

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**Banner Sun Health Research Institute**

*Transitioning Care From Home to a Residential Setting*

**Free Caregiver class - Tuesday, August 23, 2016; 1 pm to 3 pm**, Banner Sun Health Research Institute, 10515 W. Santa Fe Drive, Morin Auditorium. **NOTE: Registration is required; space is limited; call 623-832-3248 to make your reservation.**

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If you haven't seen the **Arizona Alzheimer's State Plan: A Framework for Action**, click [HERE](#).

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From the **Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services – A Profile of Older Arizonans**: <https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/dl/AAA-1251APAMPD.pdf>

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From **LISC Phoenix**

Coming soon: Funding for Shared-Use Projects

This fall the Maricopa County department of Public Health will be offering multiple awards for up to \$40,000 each with their seed-funding opportunity to jump-start shared-use projects through June 2017. For more information about the Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities, check out their [website](#).

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**Governor Doug Ducey and Secretary of State Michele Reagan Recognize the 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage** – press release [HERE](#)

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From the **Governor's Office, 7/26/2016 - AZAWESOME why Arizona rocks**

**ESPN: Sunday's SC Featured Tells Story of Hopi Reservation Cross-County Dynasty** [HERE](#) ; see other **AZAWESOME** news updates at: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom/azawesome>.

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**Coming later this fall:**

**Arizona Summit on Volunteerism & Civic Engagement**

**November 3-4, 2016, ASU West Campus, Glendale**

More information: <http://volunteer.az.gov/service-and-volunteerism/summit>

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The **FULL List** web report provided [HERE](#) includes all of the bills tracked by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging during the last session. You can see the final outcome

of legislation at the top of the report. (Be sure to click on the bill number for more information including fact sheets, bill versions, amendments, votes, and action taken on the bill.) 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 could be of interest or have an impact on older Arizonans. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

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**Plan ahead for the next legislative session!**

Resources on the [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov) website

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](#).

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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 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson** and **in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883** ( **outside Maricopa County only**) or
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [How Do I Find or Contact my Legislators?](#)

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Members of the House of Representatives and Senate are listed on the Arizona State Legislature website at the following links if you wish to contact them by phone or email.

Members of the [House](#)

Members of the [Senate](#)

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Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? Maps can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website linked [here](#).

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If you're interested

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

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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](mailto:gaca@az.gov). Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including fundraising or marketing materials.

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

**Enjoy your last days of summer.**

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



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov) and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.