



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for October 25, 2018

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 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 nonpartisan in nature.

Between sessions, we strive to offer monthly issues with a focus on information and resources at the national, state and local level. *Be sure* to open the **links** throughout this issue to see the latest news.

General Election - November 6, 2018

Election information including deadlines, publicity pamphlet and ballot arguments **[HERE](#)**

Candidate information **[HERE](#)**

Citizens Clean Elections Commission information **[HERE](#)**

ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy – Understanding Arizona's Propositions **[HERE](#)**

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee – *Monthly Fiscal Highlights October 2018*** **[HERE](#)** states “Year-to-date...FY 2019 General Fund revenues are 10.5% above the prior year and are \$177.8 million above forecast.”

Arizona Economic Trends – October 2018 **[HERE](#)**

October 11, 2018 Revenue and Budget Update **[HERE](#)**

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

Appropriations

H.R.6157 Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019

Introduced on 6/20/2018 by Representative Kay Granger (TX-12) Text [HERE](#)

9/28/2018 Became Public Law No: 115-245

H.R.302 FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018

Introduced on 1/5/2017 by Representative Brett Guthrie (KY-2)

Text [HERE](#)

10/5/2018 Became Public Law No: 115-254

Updates

H.R.6 SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act

Introduced on 6/13/2018 by Representative Greg Walden (OR-2)

Includes Medicaid and Medicare provisions to address the opioid crisis.

Text [HERE](#)

10/16/2018 Presented to President.

H.R.2422 Action for Dental Health Act of 2017

Introduced on 5/15/2017

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize oral health promotion and disease prevention programs through FY2022. The Department of Health & Human Services may 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) reduce geographic barriers, language barriers, cultural barriers, and other similar barriers in the provision of dental services; (3) establish dental homes for children and adults; (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.

10/12/2018 Message on Senate action sent to the House

H.R.6690 Fighting Fraud to Protect Care for Seniors Act of 2018

Introduced on 8/28/2018 by Representative Peter J. Roskam (IL-6)

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to establish a pilot program that evaluates the feasibility of using smart card technology to address Medicare fraud. Under the program, smart card technology must be issued free-of-charge to selected Medicare beneficiaries suppliers, and providers; such technology must support the secure, electronic authentication of beneficiary identity at points of service. In selecting program participants, the CMS must consider the risk of fraud, waste, or abuse among categories of suppliers and providers.

9/17/2018 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2554 Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act

Introduced on 3/14/2018 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

Text [HERE](#)

10/10/2018 Became Public Law No: 115-263

S.2553 Know the Lowest Price Act of 2018

Introduced on 3/14/2018 by Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)

Text [HERE](#)

10/10/2018 Became Public Law No: 115-262

Other Legislation

S.3608 Care Corps Demonstration Act of 2018

Introduced on 10/11/2018 by Senator Tom Udall (NM)

To provide grants for local care corps programs; recognizes personal assistance services or personal attendant services provide critical support for individuals with disabilities and older adults to live as independently as possible in their homes and communities, thereby avoiding institutionalization.

Text [HERE](#)

10/11/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

S.3594 Stamp Out Elder Abuse Act of 2018

Introduced on 10/11/2018 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

A bill to provide for the issuance of a Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semipostal Stamp.

10/11/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Related: [H.R.7061](#)

See Senator's Congressional Record statement regarding the bill [HERE](#)

S.3580 Seniors Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act

Introduced on 10/11/2018 by Senator Dean Heller (NV)

A bill to amend the IRS Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to taxpayers who provide reductions in rent to low-income seniors renters, and for other purposes

10/11/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.3560 Retirement Freedom Act

Introduced on 10/9/2018 by Senator Ted Cruz (TX)

To allow individuals to choose to opt out of the Medicare part A benefit.

10/9/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.3545 Home Health Payment Innovation Act of 2018

Introduced on 10/3/2018 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve home health payment reforms under the Medicare program.

10/3/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.3541 Reducing Costs for Out-of-Network Services Act of 2018

Introduced on 10/3/2018 by Senator Jeanne Shaheen (NH)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish limitations on cost-sharing for out-of-network services, to prohibit balance billing for such services, and for other purposes.

10/3/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.3522 Senior Scams Prevention Act

Introduced on 9/27/2018 by Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.

To establish a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council. Reported to propose training for retailers, wire transfer companies and financial institutions to detect, identify, and stop fraud against older adults.

9/27/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

H.R.7054 Housing Innovation Act of 2018

Introduced on 10/9/2018 by Representative Mark DeSaulnier (CA-11)

To establish an Office of Housing Innovation in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in exploring and developing new approaches for increasing and diversifying the supply of housing and for meeting the challenges of housing shortages, housing affordability, and traffic congestion, and for other purposes. Grant for research and pilot projects include programs for facilitating home-sharing for elderly residents.

10/9/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services

H.R.7012 Supporting Kinship Connections Act

Introduced on 10/2/2018 by Representative Karen Bass (CA-36)

To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants to develop and enhance, or to evaluate, kinship navigator programs, and for other purposes.

10/2/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R.7003 To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a health insurance Federal Invisible Risk Sharing Program

Introduced on 9/28/2018 by Representative David Schweikert (AZ-6)

Federal Invisible Risk Sharing Program to be administered by the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to provide payments to health insurance issuers with respect to claims for eligible individuals for the purpose of lowering premium for health insurance coverage offered in the individual market.

9/28/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.7001 CAPS for Prescription Act

Introduced on 9/28/2018 by Representative Tom O'Halleran (AZ-1)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a combined Medicare part B and D drug out-of-pocket costs limitation.

9/28/2018 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Committee on Ways and Means

H.R.6986 Nursing Home Workforce Quality Act

Introduced on 9/28/2018 by Representative Sean P Duffy (WI-7)
To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act with respect to nursing facility requirements and for other purposes.
9/28/2018 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Senate Special Committee on Aging - Testimony, Oct. 3, 2018 on Money Follow the Person – EMPOWER ACT / S.227 and H.R.5603 [HERE](#)

Active federal legislation: [HERE](#)

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: <https://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <https://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

USA.gov information: <https://www.usa.gov/agencies>

News & Information

Saturday, October 27 is DEA National Rx Take Back Day from 10 am to 2pm.

Find a Collection Site [HERE](#)

National Institute on Aging – fact sheets about oral health and older adults [HERE](#)

Alzheimer’s disease clinical trials finder [HERE](#)

Aging in Place: Tips on Making Home Safe and Accessible [HERE](#)

Medicare Open Enrollment – October 15 – December 7

***The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** - 2019 Medicare Parts A & B Premiums and Deductibles [HERE](#)

***mlnconnects** – CMS News - Thursday, October 25, 2018 [HERE](#)

***DES Division of Aging and Adult Services - State Health Insurance Assistance (SHIP) information [HERE](#) **Find the local SHIP Offices - [HERE](#)**

***Assistance in Maricopa County through Area Agency on Aging Region One [HERE](#)**

***Center for Medicare Advocacy – Choosing Between Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage [HERE](#)**

National Council on Aging/NCOA How to Choose a Medicare Plan During the Open Enrollment Period [HERE](#)

10 Questions to Better Understand Your Medication and Risk of Falling [HERE](#)

Finding resources - **BENEFITS.Gov – <https://www.benefits.gov/>**

Justice in Aging

New Final Rule from VA Impacts Needs-Based Program [Fact Sheet](#)

Kaiser Health News

Dementia And Guns: When Should Doctors Broach The Topic? [HERE](#) (Bailey, 10/12/2018)

Will Maine Voters Decide To Make Aging In Place Affordable? [HERE](#) (Graham, 10/11/2018)

Elder Orphans Or Solo Agers, Who lack Children Or A Spouse To Care For Them, Need A Plan B On Aging [HERE](#) (Graham, 10/4/2018)

A Late-Life Surprise: Taking Care of Frail, Aging Parents [HERE](#) (Graham 8/23/2018)

Learning To Live Well With Dementia [HERE](#) (Graham, 8/9/2018)

AARP Fraud Watch webpage [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General’s office press release regarding dark web scam [HERE](#)

National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease 2018 Update [HERE](#)

National Alzheimer’s Project Act information [HERE](#)

Alzheimer’s Association Statement on Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s Announcement of Dementia Diagnosis [HERE](#)

Governor Ducey’s statement [HERE](#)

PHI latest news: <https://phinational.org/news/>

INFORMATION& RESOURCES

**Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Arizona Employment Provider Directory October 2018 [HERE](#)**

Vitalyst Health Foundation – Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report [HERE](#)

**From the Governor’s Office
BRIEF: October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month [HERE](#)**

ADOT – Travel ID
People wanting the ID (ahead of the 10/2020 deadline) are encouraged to make an appointment at <https://servicearizona.com/> to visit an MVD office. List of documents required [HERE](#); authorized third party driver license locations [HERE](#).

November Social Security Workshops

Chandler Downtown Library Thurs. November 01 at 12:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M., 22 S Delaware St, Chandler, AZ 85225. The library can be reached at (480) 782-2800. [register here for 12:00 P.M.](#) or [register here for 2:00 P.M.](#)

Sunrise Mountain Library Tues. November 27 at 5:00 P.M., 21109 N 98th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85382 register by email at peoriasupport@peoriaaz.gov (include name, zip code and name of class, “Social Security”) or by calling 623-773-7070.

2018 Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium Public Conference, Wednesday, October 31, 2018
from 8:00 to 1:00 pm, Black Canyon Conference Center.
If you are not registered, be sure to do so at: www.azalz.org/register.

Friday, November 16 Arizona's Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo/VRATE, 9 am to 4 pm, Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Avenue; free to the public.
Register at www.vrate.org

Friday, November 16 – 3rd Annual Developmental Disabilities Family Resources Conference, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Ave., Phoenix AZ
More information – call The Arc of Arizona **602-234-2721** - arcarizona.org

ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy – State of the State Conference is Monday, November 19 at the Phoenix Airport Marriott. Information and registration [HERE](#)

Arizona Geriatrics Society 30th Annual Fall Symposium – Geriatric Trauma – Real Problems, Real Solutions: Putting Trauma Informed Care into Practice
Friday, Nov. 30 – Saturday, Dec. 1, Beatitudes Campus, 1610 W Glendale Avenue, Phoenix AZ
Information & registration link [HERE](#)

2018 Health Current Summit & Trade Show – Dec. 3-4, 2018
Integrated HIE: The progress of Patient-Centered Care
Renaissance Phoenix/Glendale Hotel & Spa, Glendale AZ
Information and Registration [HERE](#)

Arizona Summit on Volunteerism & Civic Engagement December 6 - 7, 2018 at ASU West Campus, Glendale AZ
Registration & information [HERE](#)

AARP Caregiver Resource Fair December 7, Ross Farnsworth YMCA 1807 S. Sunview,
Mesa AZ 85206

Save the Date – April 8-10, 2019
Arizona’s 32nd Annual Statewide Transit Conference, AzTA ADOT – at the Sheraton Mesa
at Wrigleyville West

In case you missed it last time:
**AARP Public Policy Institute’s monthly look at the latest employment numbers for
people ages 55+**
Employment Data Digest July 2018 [HERE](#)

National Institute on Aging – Spotting the Signs of Elder Abuse [HERE](#)
How Do I Know if an Aging Friend or Relative Need Help? [HERE](#)
No More Excuses! Overcome Exercise Barriers [HERE](#)

Medicare.gov - Identify theft resources for people with Medicare [HERE](#)

**Social Security – 9/27/2018 press release: Social Security OIG Expand National Anti-Fraud
Program** [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA
Changes to Medicare Parts C & D in 2019 [HERE](#)

Justice in Aging
Medicare and Disasters: Information for Advocates [HERE](#)

PHI

U.S. Home Care Workers: Key Facts 2018 [HERE](#)

Wisdom Tooth Project – Oral Health America

An Oral Health Benefit in Medicare Part B: It's Time to Include Oral Health in Health Care
[HERE](#)

NASUAD – National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities

Measuring the Value of AAA Services – Making the Case to Health Care Partners [HERE](#)

AHCCCS has posted the Electronic Visit Verification Request for Proposal.

More information [HERE](#)

AZ Big Media - Sky Harbor has added video relay services to assist deaf travelers. More information [HERE](#)

TRACKING LIST: The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans; the bills are found in the **FULL List** linked [HERE](#).

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 likely to be of interest or have an impact on older Arizonans. Information about bills is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news at: **Newsroom:** <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

ADOT:

Latest news releases, blogs and more [HERE](#)

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](#)

Plan now for next session

Arizona State Legislature website: www.azleg.gov

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](#).

Voice your opinion at any time! 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](#)

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 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.

If you would like on-going education and public service event information, send a request to be added to the **Aging in Community Committee** of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

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

Enjoy the Fall Season!

~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 and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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