



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for January 19, 2019

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. *Be sure* to open the links throughout this issue to see the latest news.

The **54th Legislature, First Regular Session** began on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Senate 2019 Session Timeline [HERE](#)

House Important Deadlines [HERE](#)

Bills information: <https://www.azleg.gov/bills/>

Senate Legislative List is posted [HERE](#) and the House Legislative List [HERE](#).

The Governor's State of the State address can be viewed [HERE](#).

The **Governor's FY2020 Budget** was released this afternoon. A link to the news release is posted [HERE](#) and the Executive Summary is found [HERE](#).

Page 5 - The Executive Budget utilizes federal funds to meet the higher caseload demands for Adult Protective Services and the longstanding backlog of elderly individuals in need of home and community-based services (HCBS), which help our seniors safely remain independent and in their own homes for a longer period of time. (\$11 million) See also Page 33 – Adult Protective Services, and Home and Community Based Services.

Other Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee** – *JLBC - Monthly Fiscal Highlights January 2019* [HERE](#)
Find other information under *What's New?* [HERE](#)

Important Resources

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](#).

Register To Speak at the Senate or House kiosk to voice your opinion; RTS manual [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

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

According to the **Arizona Capitol Times**, as of **Day 6** of the session, there are **649 bills posted** and **33 Memorials or Resolutions posted**. Both the Senate and the House are adjourned until Tuesday, January 22.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. These bills are featured in the **FULL List**. We've just started tracking legislation; the FULL List is linked [HERE](#). Currently we have 8 bills on the list and are reviewing 33.

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Council. It **does** mean that the topic is something that may be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans. Note: the web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills tracked by the Council 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 as available. This list is edited and updated as we have opportunity to review bills throughout the session. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

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](#)

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

budget bills during the shut down

***H.R.695 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018** House passed Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 - temporary funding measure; bill provides continuing FY2019 appropriations to several federal agencies through February 8, 2019. It also provides additional appropriations for U.S. Customs and Border Protections, extends Medicaid provisions, and provides supplemental appropriations

for disaster relief. Summary [HERE](#) Latest action: 1/2/2019 Considered by Senate

***H.R.267 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019** Introduced on 1/11/2019 by Representative David E. Price (NC-4) Bill information [HERE](#)

***H.R.266 Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019** Introduced on 1/8/2019 by Representative Betty McCollum (MN-4) Bill information [HERE](#)

***H.R.264 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019** Introduced on 1/10/2019 by Representative Mike Quigley (IL-5) Bill information [HERE](#)

***H.R.21 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019** Introduced on 1/3/2019 by Representative Nita M. Lowey (NY-17) The bill provides FY2019 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies. It includes 6 of the 12 regular FY2019 appropriations bills. Bill information [HERE](#)

***H.J.Res.1 Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.** Bill information [HERE](#)
Updates

***S.2076 BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act** Introduced on 11/67/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)
Bill amends the Public Health Service Act to award cooperative agreements: (1) for establishment or support of national or regional centers of excellence in public health practice in Alzheimer's disease; (2) to state public health departments, Native American tribes, and other entities to promote cognitive functioning, address cognitive impairment and unique aspects of Alzheimer's disease, and help meet the needs of caregivers; (3) for analysis and public reporting of data on the state and national levels regarding cognitive decline, caregiving and health disparities, and monitoring of objectives on dementia and caregiving in the Dept. of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2020 report. **12/31/2018 Became Public Law No. 115-406**

***H.R.259 Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019** Introduced on 1/4/2019 by Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.
The bill provides three-month extensions of both Medicaid home and community based services spousal impoverishment protections and the Money Follows the Person Program. **1/17/2019 to President**

***H.R.5075 Ashanti Alert Act of 2018** Introduced on 2/20/2018 by Representative Scott Taylor (VA-2)
The bill directs the Department of Justice to establish a national communications network – the Ashanti Alert communications network – to support regional and local search efforts for missing adults. **Latest action: 12/31/2018 Became Public Law No: 115-401**

Recent Legislation

***H.Res.59 Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Medicare and Social Security provide an essential benefit for current enrollees and should be strengthened for future generations.** Text found [HERE](#)

Introduced on 1/17/2019 by Representative Debbie Lesko (AZ-8)
1/17/2019 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce

***H.R.660 To improve the health outcomes in communities through community-relevant health information and new health supporting incentives and programs funded without further appropriations**

Introduced on 1/17/2019 by Representative Jeff Fortenberry (NE-1)
1/17/2019 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

***H.R.652 To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue a final regulation based on the proposed regulation relating to the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) under the Medicare and Medicaid programs**

Introduced on 1/17/2019 by Representative Earl Blumenauer (OR-3) 1/17/2019 Referred to the

Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce

***H.R.576 To expand Medicare coverage to include eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care**

Introduced on 1/15/2019 by Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40)
1/15/2019 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce

***H.R.520 To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude coverage of advance care planning services under the Medicare program**

Introduced on 1/11/2019 by Representative Steve King (IA-4)
1/11/2019 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce

***H.R.323 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**

Introduced on 1/8/2019 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)
1/8/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

***H.R.320 To expand and enhance existing adult day programs for younger people with neurological diseases 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.**

1/8/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

***H.R.269 Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019**

Introduced on 1/8/2019 by Representative Ann G. Eshoo (CA-18)
Bill reauthorizes certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketing without an approved drug application, and for other purposes. 1/10/2019 Read the second time. Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

***S.99 A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the negotiation of lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries and the establishment and application of a formulary by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Medicare part D, and for other purposes.**

Introduced on 1/10/2019 by Senator Bernard Sanders (VT)
1/10/2019 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

***S.22 Medicare Central Benefit Act of 2019**

Introduced on 1/3/2019 by Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (MD)
Bill amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental services under the Medicare program.
1/3/2019 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

HEARINGS

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging

"Fighting Elder Fraud: Progress Made, Work to Be Done" held on January 16, 2019 [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>

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

News & Information

Social Security Administration (SSA) issued a **SCAM ALERT** related to fraudulent telephone calls from individuals claiming to represent SSA and encourages reporting any suspicious calls to the SSA Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271 or submitting a report on the OIG website [HERE](#).

PHI – The Direct Care Workforce: Year in Review (2018) [HERE](#)

Flinn Foundation Arizona Bioscience News - Bio.IT World – *How Common Data Could Lead To Uncommon Alzheimer's Discoveries* [HERE](#) (Nicolaus, 1/14/2019) features interview with Dr. Eric Reiman, Banner Alzheimer's Institute

National Institute on Aging

Organizing Paperwork: Tips for Caregivers [HERE](#)
Advance Care Planning: Healthcare Directives [HERE](#)
Geroscience: The intersection of basic aging biology, chronic disease, and health [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News

Aging related coverage [HERE](#)

Aging2.0 - Industry News

Phys.org *Not just for kids: a leap for seniors at Vegas tech show* [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA – *New Congress begins slowly, but seniors' priorities remain on the docket* [HERE](#) (Phillips 1/15/2019)

Arizona is Leading the Way in Improving End-of-Life Care – **Arizona Hospital and Healthcare**

Association / January 16, 2019 [HERE](#)

The Elder Justice Coalition – 2018 Year in Review [HERE](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

The Arizona Attorney General’s Office has a Scam Alert Series. Learn more and sign up to receive at: <https://www.azag.gov/seniors/scam-alert>

Social Security Retirement Planning workshops free and open to the public

Phoenix Agave Library, Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at 23550 N. 36th Avenue, Glendale AZ 85310. The library can be reached at 602-262-4636. [Register here.](#)

Maricopa County Southeast Regional Library Tues. February 05 at 3:00 P.M. at 775 N Greenfield Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85234. The library can be reached at (602) 652-3000. [Register here.](#)

Phoenix Cholla Library Thurs. February 07 at 5:30 P.M. at 10050 N Metro Pkwy E, Phoenix, AZ 85051. The library can be reached at (602) 262-4636. [Register here.](#)

Burton Barr Library (with Medicare specialist from Area Agency on Aging) Sat. February 23 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at 1221 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004. The library can be reached at (602)2 62-4636. [Register here.](#)

January 28, 2019 Arizona Rural & Public Health Policy Forum, Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington Street in Phoenix; more information [HERE](#)

January 31, 2019 The Arizona Health Improvement Plan Summit
More information and register [HERE](#)

February 12, 2019 - Annual Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers Meeting, Phoenix Convention Center, 100 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004
More information [HERE](#)

February 12, 2019 – Become a Dementia Friend Info Session – 1:30 – 2:30 pm, Banner Sun Health Research Institute, 10515 W Santa Fe Drive, Sun City AZ 85351 Register by calling 623-832-3248 or online [HERE](#)

February 19, 2019 African American and Alzheimer’s disease Mini Conference – 9:00 -11:30 am, South Mountain Community College Library Conference Room, 7050 S 24th Street, Phoenix AZ

85042; register by calling 602-839-6850 or online [HERE](#)

February 26 – Arizona Alzheimer’s Awareness Day – 2nd annual event at the State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington in Phoenix, AZ. More information on Facebook / [HERE](#)

March 4, 2019 Arizona Department of Gaming Symposium on Problem Gambling, 8 am to 4 pm, Black Canyon Conference Center. Register [HERE](#)

March 27, 2019 At the Intersection of Aging and Transportation: Creating Healthy Communities Conference, Age Friendly Arizona, AARP Arizona and the Federal Highway Administration and Vitalyst free conference [HERE](#)

April 8-10, 2019 - Arizona’s 32nd Annual Statewide Transit Conference, AzTA ADOT – at the Sheraton Mesa at Wrigleyville West; register [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time:

National Institute on Aging – is collaborating with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) on a review of Alzheimer’s and related dementias care/caregiving interventions, and the development of recommendations for the field. More information on the study [HERE](#).

*Holiday Hints for Alzheimer’s Caregivers [HERE](#)

*Together We Make the Difference! Participate in Alzheimer’s and Related *Dementias Clinical Research [HERE](#)

*Helping Friends and Family Understand Alzheimer’s disease [HERE](#)

*Research and Funding Frequently Asked Questions [HERE](#)

*Just in time for our New Year’s health resolutions - **Go4Life** [HERE](#) - an exercise and physical activity campaign

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

National Alzheimer’s Project Act information [HERE](#) (be sure to scroll down the page) National Plan side-by-side list of Actions [HERE](#)

In follow up to [Home for the Holidays](#) campaign information reported last time -

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging/n4a, Administration for Community Living/ACL, Eldercare Locator - *Caring Across the Miles Resources for Long-Distance Caregivers* brochure [HERE](#)

U.S. Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative's mission is to support and coordinate the Department's enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect and financial fraud and scams that target our nation's seniors. Focus areas include:

- *Building Federal, State & Local Capacity to Fight Elder Abuse
- *Promoting Justice for Older Americans
- *Supporting Research to Improve Elder Abuse Policy and Practice
- *Helping Older Victims & Their Families

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Elder Justice Initiatives are posted [HERE](#); Older Adults, Families and Caregivers information [HERE](#).

Justice in Aging – Older Women & Poverty report [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA

What's ahead for Congress – How the Midterm Elections Will Affect Aging Policy [HERE](#) (Howard Bedlin, 11.27.2018 - be sure to scroll down.)

NOCA Network of Benefits Enrollment Centers Expands to 43 States [HERE](#)

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center – Every Ride Counts [HERE](#)

Oral Health America – Tooth Wisdom: Get Smart About Your Mouth (Get Smart) is an oral health education workshop for community dwelling older adults to be delivered in settings where older adults naturally congregate such as senior centers, libraries and places of worship. OHA and Colgate have partnered to bring Get Smart to an online platform utilizing Colgate's Oral Health Network for Professional Education and Development. More information regarding the course and being a certified presenter: [HERE](#).

A State of Decay – State Spotlight: "Catch Us if You Can": Georgia Dental Hygienists Expand Access to Older Adults [HERE](#)

Agin2.0 Grand Challenges – link to 2018-2019 complimentary report [HERE](#)

Health Current Summit and Trade Show of Integrated HIE: The Progress of Patient-Centered Care report out [HERE](#)

From the **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** – 'I Want to Live in an Apartment with My Own Stuff' How Supported Decision-Making Can Work for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities [HERE](#)

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](#)

The Attorney General issued a news release on January 18 warning consumers to review and update online accounts after hackers expose 773 million email addresses and 21 million passwords.

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](#)

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

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/qaca/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.

Thank you for allowing me to share this information over the past 11 years. Your patience is appreciated during the transition to a new Executive Director, and I begin retirement. :) CD

Have a good week!

~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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