



## **An Appeal to the Massachusetts Senate to Make a Difference by Passing a FY'25 State Budget that's Age-Friendly, Able-Friendly**

### **NOT INCLUDED IN SENATE BUDGET VERSION**

- **Raise the Personal Needs Allowance for Nursing Home Residents from current \$72.80/mo. to \$120/mo. to keep pace with inflation ((4000-o601).**
- **Raise the Personal Needs Allowance to tie annual revision to inflation (Outside Section amending C.117A, Section 1).**
- **Require MassHealth to Follow an Inclusive Public Process for Policy Change (Outside Section).**
- **Increase Funding to Meet the Needs for Elder Mental Health Outreach Team Program by increasing the appropriate to \$4,500,000 (9110-1640).**
- **Establish a process for establishing a Livable Wage for Care Workers (Outside Section)**
- **Increase Support for Alternative Housing Vouchers (AHVP) by \$500,000 (7004-9030)**
- **Increase Funding for Home Care Purchase of Services to \$271.321,030 (9110-1630)**
- **Increase Funding for Home Care Case Management to \$103,827,110 (9110-1633)**
- **Include Language Clarifying Rate Setting Process for Home Health and Home Care Services (Outside Section amending C.118E, s. 13D)**
- **Increase Funding for Independent Living Center by \$2,000,000 (4120-0200)**
- **Establish the Human Service Transportation Consumer Advisory Board HST, (Outside Section inserting new section in C.6 MGL)**
- **Increase Funding for Elder Supportive House to \$13,705,272 (9110-1604)**
- **Increase Funding for SHINE Benefits Counseling by \$2,000,000 (9110-1455)**
- **Include Funding for the Road Map to Health Care Safety for a pilot program of electronic health record safety event monitoring**

**including a program of health care safety education to \$2,200,000 (4100-0063)**

- **Increase the Asset Limit for Seniors in MassHealth to \$10,000 per individual and \$15,000 per couple (Outside Section amending C.118E, s.25)**
- **Direct the Governor's Office of Climate Change to conduct a study of the effects of extreme Heat on older adults (0411-1020)**

#### **LIKELY TO BE IN CONFERENCE IF NOT ADDED IN SENATE**

- **Retain Increase in PACE Workforce Elder Service Plan by \$150,000 (4000-0601)**
- **Retain House Funds for LGBTQIA statewide virtual senior center of \$160,000 ((9110-1900)**
- **Retain Funding for various Veterans Outreach Centers (4513-1026)**
- **Retain Language Directing Mass Health to notify those 55 and over of eligibility for PACE, SCO, and One Care; and to notify those 65 and over enrolling in these programs annually. (Outside Sections)**

#### **RETAINED FROM HOUSE VERSION**

- **Approve House Level Fund the PCA Program at current year levels. (4000-0300) with the following language;** provided further; that the personal care attendant program shall maintain the same eligibility criteria and level of services in fiscal year 2025 as were available in fiscal year 2024;
- **Approve House Increase of \$15/older adult for Council on Aging Formula Grants ((9110-9002)**
- **Retain House Language for Nursing Home Bed Holds ((4000-0601)**
- **Retain Language to Respond to Increase Older Adult Suicides (4513-1026)** provided further that funds shall be expended for a program to address elder suicide behavior and attempts with the geriatric mental health services program within the department of elder affairs;
- **Retain increase in Elder Nutrition Meals on Wheels to \$15,872,860 (9110-1900) \$750,000 Earmarked in account.**