



# The Dignity Digest

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## DignityMA Zoom Sessions

Dignity Alliance Massachusetts participants meet via Zoom every other Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Sessions are open to all. To receive session notices with agenda and Zoom links, please send a request via [info@DignityAllianceMA.org](mailto:info@DignityAllianceMA.org).

## Reflection

### ***Join Us at the Table: Community, Culture, and Connection***

As we continue our observance of National Residents' Rights Month this October, we turn our focus to this year's inspiring national theme: **"Join Us at the Table."**

In long-term care settings, food and shared dining are about so much more than basic nutrition. They are central to our daily lives, serving as a powerful medium to spark cherished memories, celebrate cultural traditions, foster genuine human connection, and help residents truly feel at home. Most importantly, the theme serves as a reminder of a fundamental principle of advocacy: **every resident belongs at the decision-making table.**

A resident's right to self-determination means they should be active participants in shaping their daily routines, their care plans, and their community environment. When we invite residents to the table—not just for meals, but as equal partners in dialogue and policy decisions—we honor their autonomy, tap into their wisdom, and validate their lived experiences.

This week, let us recommit to ensuring that resident voices are heard loud and clear where decisions are made. Let us champion environments where individuality is celebrated, dignity is non-negotiable, and every person has a meaningful seat at the table.

Thank you for continuing to stand up for justice, respect, and quality of life for all.

## Guide to news items in this week's *Dignity Digest*

### Nursing Homes

- [Not over yet: Post-acute providers line up against CMS fraud 'overreach'](#) (McKnights Long Term Care News, October 11, 2026)
- [Genesis set to close sale, seek final approval Tuesday](#) (McKnights Long Term Care News, October 9, 2026)
- [Nursing Home Oversight System Is Not Protecting Residents](#) (Center for Medicare Advocacy, October 8, 2026)
- [State updates nursing home staffing incentives following Light investigation](#) (New Bedford Light, October 5, 2026)
- [With 'watershed' \\$581M settlement, Genesis races toward bankruptcy close](#) (McKnights Long Term Care News, September 16, 2026)

### Personal Needs Allowance

- [The Nursing Home Takes \\$2,340 of His \\$2,400 Monthly Check. Medicaid Lets Him Keep \\$60. In Alaska, He'd Get \\$200](#) (24/7 Wall Street, October 9, 2026)

### Home and Community Based Services

- [A Look at Waiting Lists for Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services from 2016 to 2026](#) (KFF, October 5, 2026)

### Behavioral Health

- [The Neuroscience of Decluttering](#) (New York Times (free access), October 11, 2026)

### Housing

- [As Baby Boomers Age, Housing Demand Faces a Rising Headwind](#) (Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies, September 24, 2026)

### Aging Topics

- [Affluent and Older Americans Got Much Richer in Postpandemic Years](#) (\*Wall Street Journal, October 9, 2026)
- ['Superagers' Are Living—and Thriving—Long Past 80. Could I Be One of Them?](#) (\*Wall Street Journal, October 9, 2026)

### Disability Topics

- [At State House event, advocates mark disability employment month](#) (\*State House News, October 7, 2026)
- [The Unfinished Business of the ADA: Financial Security for People With Disabilities](#) (Autism Spectrum News, September 25, 2026)

### Longevity

- [Meet the oldest people in the world ever confirmed by Guinness World Records](#) (Quartz, October 10, 2026)
- [Why is Ringo Starr still performing at 86? Because he can.](#) (Washington Post, September 28, 2026)

### Caregiving

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|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>How States Are Leveraging Multisector Plans for Aging to Support Caregivers</u></a> (National Academy of State Health Policy, August 24, 2026)</li> </ul> <p>Veterans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>High-Quality Skilled Nursing Facilities Remain Underutilized Among Older US Veterans</u></a> (Veterans Health Today, October 9, 2026)</li> </ul> <p>Office of Attorney General Andrea Campbell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>AG Campbell Seeks Court Approval For Settlements With Generic Drug Manufacturers Over Conspiracy To Inflate Prices And Limit Competition</u></a> (Office of Attorney General Andrea Campbell, October 8, 2026)</li> </ul> <p>State Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Aging Policy Takes Center Stage at NASHP's 2026 Annual Conference</u></a> (National Academy of State Health Policy, October 9, 2026)</li> <li>• <i>Oversight rules on the move after Globe Spotlight report</i> (State House News (link not available), September 29, 2026)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Quotes | <p><b><i>“Aging has come of age.”</i></b><br/> Rani Snyder, President, The John A. Hartford Foundation, <a href="#"><u>Aging Policy Takes Center Stage at NASHP's 2026 Annual Conference</u></a> (National Academy of State Health Policy, October 9, 2026)</p> <p><b><i>“States must future-proof, or we will fall behind. We’ve entered an era of longer lives, but we are still operating for shorter lives.”</i></b><br/> Ursel McElroy, Director of the Ohio Department of Aging, <a href="#"><u>Aging Policy Takes Center Stage at NASHP's 2026 Annual Conference</u></a> (National Academy of State Health Policy, October 9, 2026)</p> <p><b><i>Today, <a href="#"><u>63 million</u></a> people in the U.S. serve as family caregivers, representing 1 in 4 adults nationwide. . . More than <a href="#"><u>8 million</u></a> Medicaid beneficiaries receive HCBS, accounting for \$146 billion in annual spending and more than 60 percent of Medicaid LTSS expenditures. . .The financial implications of our aging population are already substantial, as <a href="#"><u>one-third</u></a> of Medicaid spending is for LTSS. <a href="#"><u>National median costs</u></a> annually range from \$74,000 for assisted living, \$80,000 for non-medical in-home care, and nearly \$115,000 for a semi-private nursing home room.</i></b></p> |

[Aging Policy Takes Center Stage at NASHP's 2026 Annual Conference](#) (National Academy of State Health Policy, October 9, 2026)

*"As technology changes how we hire and how we work, people with disabilities must be at the table from the very start. Nothing about us without us."*

Senator Joan Lovely, [At State House event, advocates mark disability employment month](#) (\*State House News, October 7, 2026)

*Wealth increased 37% for Americans 75 and older, while it declined 23% for people under 35. During this period, people 75 and older became the richest age group, with a median net worth of \$505,000. Wealth is measured as a family's assets, like stocks and home equity, minus their liabilities, like mortgages and credit-card debt.*

*The new data paints a picture of a two-speed economy, where older and affluent people are thriving, and persistent inflation is making others feel pessimistic about their finances and the economy broadly.*

[Affluent and Older Americans Got Much Richer in Postpandemic Years](#) (\*Wall Street Journal, October 9, 2026)

*Medicaid pays thousands a month to keep a nursing home resident alive and cared for, then hands him back a sliver of his own paycheck for everything else.*

[The Nursing Home Takes \\$2,340 of His \\$2,400 Monthly Check. Medicaid Lets Him Keep \\$60. In Alaska, He'd Get \\$200](#) (24/7 Wall Street, October 9, 2026)

*"Well, I want to make sure, as governor, that anyone who is putting a loved one in a nursing home knows and feels that their loved one is going to be well cared for."*

Governor Maura Healey, Oversight rules on the move after Globe Spotlight report (State House News (link not available), September 29, 2026)

*Only a small number of people in documented history have been confirmed at 115 or older. Just one, Jeanne Calment of France, has ever been verified past 120. Nearly every name on the list belongs to a woman. That matches a consistent finding in longevity research: women outlive men at almost every age, and the gap widens at the extremes. . . No American has ever been verified at a greater age than Sarah Knauss, who reached 119 years and 97 days.*

[Meet the oldest people in the world ever confirmed by Guinness World Records](#) (Quartz, October 10, 2026)

*“The concern always was that the penalties were at such a low level that they could be the ‘cost of doing business. A lot of operators were willing to accept the financial hit.”*

Paul Lanzikos, coordinator, Massachusetts Dignity Alliance, [State updates nursing home staffing incentives following Light investigation](#) (New Bedford Light, October 5, 2026)

*This year, the oldest baby boomers (born 1946–1964) began turning 80, a milestone that will sharply increase growth in the 80-and-over population. Indeed, both the number of people and the number of householders in this age group are projected to double over the next two decades.*

[As Baby Boomers Age, Housing Demand Faces a Rising Headwind](#) (Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies, September 24, 2026)

*“I keep going because I keep going. I’m never going to be Arnold Schwarzenegger, but I do keep moving and walking whenever I can.”*

Ringo Starr, crediting his vegetarian diet and a strict fitness regimen and figuring out how to “lift a weight or two” so that he can keep jumping around the stage, [Why is Ringo Starr still performing at 86? Because he can.](#) (Washington Post, September 28, 2026)

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|        | <p><i>Letting go isn't hard because the objects themselves are objectively so precious. It's hard because the brain sees it as changing who we are — and resists that. The same is true for our old ideas and behaviors. But if we take a step back and use our imagination and connection to others to see the problem in a new way, we can more purposefully let go of the things that aren't serving us without losing the core of who we are.</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>The Neuroscience of Decluttering</u></a> (New York Times (free access), October 11, 2026)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Report | <p><a href="#"><u>The Accountability Gap: A National Examination of Nursing Home Oversight and Enforcement, 2022-2024</u></a><br/> <b>Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC)</b><br/> September 2026<br/> <b>SUMMMARY:</b><br/> The federal Nursing Home Reform Law establishes strong, resident-centered standards for care, safety, and dignity. Those standards, however, depend on effective monitoring and enforcement. This study examines how the federal Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services(CMS) and the state survey agencies carried out that responsibility during calendar years 2022–2024, using data from CMS survey, deficiency, penalty, staffing, and Minimum Data Set reports. Across the measures examined, the findings reveal a persistent accountability gap. Survey activity recovered somewhat after the COVID-19 public health emergency, and the total number of cited health deficiencies increased. Yet resident-adjusted citation activity changed relatively little, financial penalties fell sharply, and surveyors overwhelmingly classified substantiated violations below the level of actual harm. The same pattern appears across specific areas of care and resident protection, including infection control, sufficient staffing, pressure-ulcer care, psychotropic medication requirements, and resident rights. The state differences are also substantial, but they should be understood within a broader national accountability problem. Nursing homes throughout the country are subject to the same federal requirements, yet the frequency with which state agencies identify violations, determine that residents were harmed, and impose financial consequences varies significantly. These differences do not establish that states with comparatively higher citation or harm identification rates</p> |

are providing more effective oversight. Rather, the findings indicate different degrees of performance within a system that, nationally, is failing to ensure that residents consistently receive the care, services, safety, and dignity required under federal standards. The relevant benchmark is not whether one state performs better than another, but whether states are effectively protecting residents and ensuring compliance with federal requirements. The evidence examined in this study, considered alongside decades of investigative reports, academic studies, and GAO and OIG findings, provides little basis for concluding that any state is meeting that benchmark. A particularly important finding is the regulatory treatment of resident harm. Under the federal scope-and-severity system, deficiencies classified below level G are treated as involving no actual harm, and facilities cited at those levels are highly unlikely to face any penalty whatsoever. Across the health deficiencies examined in this study, approximately 94% were classified as not causing any harm to any resident in the building. For several critical requirements, the share was even higher. Thus, the issue is not simply whether surveyors are identifying noncompliance with minimum standards, but whether they are recognizing the impact of that noncompliance on residents. Taken together, the patterns revealed in state and federal data provide substantial evidence that nursing home standards are not being enforced with sufficient rigor and regularity to ensure that their protections are realized in residents' daily lives.

## KEY FINDINGS

- State survey activity. Standard-survey coverage increased from 56.4% of providers in 2022 to 64.8% in 2024 but remained well below the federal expectation of roughly annual surveys. Complaint-survey activity changed little nationally, from 72.6% to 74.5%, while state performance varied widely.
- Deficiency citations and severity. Survey agencies cited 128,675 health deficiencies in 2022 and 143,821 in 2024, an increase of about 12%. After adjusting for resident census, however, citation rates remained broadly similar across the years. Approximately 94% of cited health deficiencies were classified below actual harm each year, while state rates of identifying harm and immediate jeopardy differed substantially.
- Financial penalties. The number of reported fines fell from 11,501 in 2022 to 5,210 in 2024, a decline of about 55%,

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|  | <p>while total fine dollars fell about 14%. Because resident census increased during the period, the resident-adjusted frequency of fines declined about 56.5%.Forty-nine of 52 jurisdictions reported fewer fines in 2024 than in 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection prevention and control. F880 infection-control citations increased about 13%from 2022 to 2024, from 6,851 to 7,736. Over the same period, the number classified as actual harm or immediate jeopardy fell from 297 to 103, a decline of about 65%; by 2024,only 1.3% of F880 citations were classified G+.</li> <li>• Nurse staffing. Average nurse staffing rose modestly, but 2024 data showed substantial shortfalls relative to staffing levels expected to meet residents' basic clinical needs. About90% of nursing homes with valid comparisons were below expected total staffing, and nearly two-thirds were at least 20% below expected. Yet surveyors issued only 1,012 F725sufficient-staffing citations in 2024, and only 33 (3.3%) were classified as resulting in any harm or immediate jeopardy to one or more residents in the nursing home.</li> <li>• Pressure ulcers. Nursing homes reported roughly 94,000–95,000 residents with unhealed pressure ulcers in Q4 of each study year, close to 8% of the resident population. Survey agencies issued only about three F686 citations for every 100 residents reported with a pressure ulcer, and approximately three-quarters of substantiated F686 violations were classified below actual harm (despite the fact that, by definition, a pressure ulcer is an injury). State citation and harm-identification rates varied greatly.</li> <li>• Antipsychotic drugs. About one in five nursing home residents was reported as having received an antipsychotic in Q4 of each study year. Survey agencies issued 5,594 F758citations over 2022–2024, but only 26 (0.46%) were classified at actual harm or immediate jeopardy; 99.5% were classified as “no harm.” State drugging rates and regulatory responses varied substantially.</li> <li>• Resident rights and dignity. F550 resident-rights citations increased 45% from 2022 to 2024,yet state agencies still deemed 83% of nursing homes to have no violations of federal resident-rights requirements in 2024. Harm identification moved in the opposite direction: G+ findings declined from 69 in 2022 to 64 in 2024, and across the three years5approximately 97.6% of F550 violations were classified as causing no physical, clinical, or psycho-social harm to any resident.</li> </ul> |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>This report, searchable files with state performance indicators and other data, and other materials are available on LTCCC's study page at <a href="https://nursinghome411.org/ltccc-enforcement-study-2026/">https://nursinghome411.org/ltccc-enforcement-study-2026/</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>DignityMA Study Session</p>  <p>Kevin Lownds, JD<br/>Division Chief<br/>Medicaid Fraud Division<br/>Office of the Attorney General</p> | <p><b>DignityMA Study Session:</b><br/><b><i>The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Division</i></b><br/>Presenter: Kevin Lownds, JD, Division Chief<br/><b>Wednesday, October 14, 2026 10:00 a.m.</b><br/>Registration: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Oct14StudySession">https://tinyurl.com/Oct14StudySession</a></p> <p>The Medicaid Fraud Division within the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office functions as the federally certified Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for the Commonwealth, dedicated to protecting the integrity of MassHealth and defending vulnerable residents. Operating with multidisciplinary teams of prosecutors, forensic auditors, and investigators, the division conducts statewide civil and criminal investigations into healthcare providers suspected of defrauding the system through illegal practices such as false billing, upcoding, kickbacks, and cost-report falsification. Alongside recovering millions in misappropriated taxpayer funds under state and federal False Claims statutes, the unit fulfills a critical patient-protection mandate by investigating and prosecuting allegations of abuse, neglect, mistreatment, and financial exploitation of patients in nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and community-based healthcare settings.</p> |
| Recruitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>See: <a href="#">Listings on MASterList.com's Job Board</a> for all current listings</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| In Person and / or Online Events                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>1. Personal Care Attendant Quality Workforce Council</b><br/>Tuesday, October 13, 2026<br/><a href="#">Meeting</a><br/>Agenda includes a MassHealth update and an executive director's report. <a href="#">PCA More Info and Access</a></p> </li> <li> <p><b>2. Public Health Council</b><br/>Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m.<br/><a href="#">Council Meeting</a><br/>The Council is expected to consider <a href="#">regulations to implement a two-year-old law</a> that directed the state to consider out-of-state issues when weighing a nursing home license, which the Healey administration announced on the heels of a media report that faulted the state's oversight of nursing home transactions.</p></li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for amendments to 105 CMR 150, <i>Standards for long-term care facilities (Vote)</i>.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for amendments to 105 CMR 153, <i>Licensure procedure and suitability requirements for long-term care facilities (Vote)</i>.<br/><a href="#">PHC Agenda and Access</a></li> </ul> <p><b>3. Massachusetts State Rehabilitation Council</b><br/>Thursday, October 15, 2026, 4:15 p.m.<br/><a href="#">Virtual Meeting</a><br/><a href="#">Rehab Council Agenda and Access</a></p> <p><b>4. Executive Office of Health and Human Services</b><br/>Friday, October 16, 2026, 1:00 p.m.<br/><a href="#">Remote public hearing on setting rates for certain adult foster care services</a><br/>Officials say they want to reduce the reimbursement rate for intake and assessment services when handled by contracted entities, rather than adult foster care providers, to \$100. Without that billing modifier, the service would be reimbursed at \$266.62. The change is expected to save \$1.27 million, officials say as they look to trim spending on long-term services and supports ahead of federal funding cuts.<br/><a href="#">Adult Foster Care Info and Access</a></p> <p><b>5. Executive Office of Health and Human Services</b><br/>Friday, November 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.<br/><a href="#">Public Hearing regarding: 101 CMR 206.00: Standard Payments to Nursing Facilities</a><br/>The regulation will go into effect as an emergency on October 1, 2026. The proposed amendments implement fiscal year 2027 (FY27) budget requirements. The following adjustments are being made to the rates, consistent with the FY27 budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updating standard nursing, operating, capital, pediatric, and other facility-specific rates for rate year 2027. The amendments apply a 7.04% cost adjustment factor to both nursing and operating standard payments and updates the patient-driven payment model (PDPM) nursing standard payment amounts accordingly. The operating cost standard payment increases to \$128.14 per day. The capital cost adjustment factor is also updated to 6.65%.</li> <li>Revising financial statement reporting requirements.</li> <li>Revising the substance use disorder (SUD) add-on and replacing the SUD induction-period add-on with a medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) add-on, including new eligibility, staffing, and compliance requirements.</li> <li>Reducing the bariatric add-on from \$300 to \$200 per member per day and clarifying its applicability with other add-ons.</li> <li>Strengthening staffing incentives by establishing an 8% downward adjustment for facilities at or below 3.00 hours per patient day (HPPD), while exempting facilities maintaining at least 4.00 HPPD from the direct care cost quotient (DCC-Q) downward adjustment.</li> <li>Removing expired COVID-19 preparedness payments and the prior rate year's \$25 million statewide supplemental payment.</li> <li>Making annual conforming and technical updates to dates, reporting periods, quality measures, PDPM references, and other payment provisions.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Public Hearing: Nursing Home Rates</a></p> |
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## Webinars and Online Sessions

### 6. [Implementing What Matters in Nursing Homes: Lessons from the Goals, Preferences, and Priorities Initiative](#)

#### **Moving Forward**

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Explore how nursing homes are embedding residents' goals, preferences, and priorities (GPP) into care planning and daily care. Laci Cornelison and Addison Van Zutphen, Moving Forward Coalition's partners at Kansas State University, will share emerging lessons from the Goals, Preferences, and Priorities initiative, which explores how nursing homes can embed residents' goals, preferences, and priorities, or *what matters* to them, into care planning, daily care, and quality improvement efforts.

Participants will learn:

- How the Goals, Preferences, and Priorities initiative helps nursing homes identify and incorporate what matters to residents into care planning and care delivery
- Key lessons emerging from implementation across participating nursing homes
- Considerations for integrating residents' preferences into everyday nursing home practice

Learn more about our speakers [here](#).

[Moving Forward Registration](#)

### 7. [Marketing State No Wrong Door Systems to Expand Access](#)

#### **Administration on Community Living**

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

Effective marketing is a critical component of a strong No Wrong Door system. Yet many people who could benefit from services and supports, including caregivers, older adults, people with disabilities, veterans, and others, may not know where to turn for trusted information and assistance. This webinar, "Opening Every Door: Marketing State No Wrong Door Systems to Expand Access," will highlight practical approaches to increasing visibility, expanding reach, and connecting more people to the services and supports available in their communities. Join ACL's [No Wrong Door](#) Resource Center for this discussion on strengthening awareness, expanding access, and ensuring that every door can be the right door for individuals seeking information, assistance, and support.

The intended audience for this webinar is No Wrong Door state leads (i.e., No Wrong Door and aging and disability resource center directors, coordinators, and managers; leaders in aging, disability, and Medicaid; and cross-agency leadership).

During this webinar, participants will:

- Assess current marketing reach and identify potential gaps in outreach to key populations
- Explore how effective marketing supports access to information, navigation, and informed choice within No Wrong Door systems
- Learn practical strategies for developing or strengthening a No Wrong Door marketing plan
- Hear examples of successful state marketing and outreach initiatives

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify opportunities to leverage No Wrong Door Resource Center technical assistance and resources</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kasey Knopp, Ph.D.</b>, Aging and Disability Program Coordinator, Administration for Community Living</li> <li><b>Sarah Arnold</b>, Public Relations Specialist, Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services</li> <li><b>Amanda Distefano</b>, Long Term Services Division Director, Maryland Department of Aging</li> <li><b>Jen Morgan</b>, Program Manager, Aging &amp; Disability, University of Utah</li> <li><b>Christina Neill Bowen</b>, Christina Neill Bowen Consulting, LLC</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">No Wrong Door Registration</a></p> <p>8. <a href="#">Housing Wealth and In-Home Care: Opportunities and Obstacles for Older Homeowners</a></p> <p><b>Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies</b><br/>Recorded Friday, September 18, 2026<br/>In theory, many middle-income, older homeowners could use the equity in their homes to cover the costs of the long-term, in-home services and supports they are likely to need as they age. In practice, however, few choose to do so.<br/><a href="#">Samara Scheckler</a> will discuss new research that estimates how much equity could be tapped by older, middle-income homeowners, especially in California, and assesses barriers to using that equity to pay for care.<br/><a href="#">Julia Gordon</a>, Senior Fellow at the Center for Affordable Housing Lending and former Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner at HUD, will serve as respondent. <a href="#">Jennifer Molinsky</a> will moderate.<br/><a href="#">Download slides</a><br/><a href="#">Housing Wealth Recording</a></p> <p>9. <a href="#">How States are Advancing Caregiver Support Through Multisector Plans on Aging</a></p> <p><b>National Academy of State Health Policy</b><br/>Recorded September 17, 2026<br/>This webinar, cohosted by NASHP and the <a href="#">Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS)</a> with support from The John A. Hartford Foundation, will offer insights from MPA officials in three states: North Carolina, Texas, and Vermont. Speakers will share how their states have translated MPA goals into concrete actions that bolster family caregivers. The 60-minute event will highlight implementation lessons and offer practical insights for states seeking to strengthen support for caregivers.<br/><a href="#">NASHP Video</a></p> <p>10. <a href="#">Older Homelessness: An Emerging Challenge for Cities</a></p> <p><b>Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies</b><br/>Recorded Wednesday, September 16, 2026<br/>Homelessness among older adults is emerging as one of the most significant—and least understood—challenges facing cities today. This conversation will bring together leading researchers and practitioners</p> |
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|                                                | <p>working on the front lines of elder homelessness to examine the scope of the challenge, emerging evidence, and promising solutions.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><a href="#">Va Lecia Adams Kellum</a>, Former Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority</p> <p><a href="#">Mayor Lacey Beaty</a>, Mayor of Beaverton, Oregon</p> <p><a href="#">Jorrit de Jong</a>, Director, Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University; Faculty Co-Chair, Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative; Emma Bloomberg Senior Lecturer in Public Policy and Management, Harvard Kennedy School</p> <p><a href="#">Howard Koh</a>, Harvey V. Fineberg Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Bloomberg Center for Cities faculty affiliate</p> <p><a href="#">Jennifer Molinsky</a>, Director, Housing an Aging Society Program, Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies; Lecturer in Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design</p> <p>Niki Wilkerson, Social Justice Advocate; Benevolence Coordinator at Summit Church; Co-founder of Connections Ministry Nikhai's Closet</p> <p><a href="#">Older Homelessness Recording</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Previously posted webinars and online sessions | <p>Previously posted webinars and online sessions can be viewed at: <a href="https://dignityalliancema.org/webinars-and-online-sessions/">https://dignityalliancema.org/webinars-and-online-sessions/</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Nursing Homes                                  | <p><b>11. McKnights Long Term Care News</b><br/>October 11, 2026<br/><a href="#">Not over yet: Post-acute providers line up against CMS fraud 'overreach'</a><br/>By Kimberly Marselas<br/>Post-acute and long-term care provider groups are pushing back against broad new anti-fraud proposals from the Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)—such as potential enrollment revocations for facilities in "high risk" geographic areas and expanded financial clawbacks—arguing that embedding such sweeping enforcement measures into routine home health and payment rules represents federal overreach.</p> <p><b>12. McKnights Long Term Care News</b><br/>October 9, 2026<br/><a href="#">Genesis set to close sale, seek final approval Tuesday</a><br/>By Kimberly Marselas<br/>Following intensive final negotiations, attorneys for Genesis HealthCare detailed an updated purchase agreement for its nearly \$1 billion sale to 101 W. State Street before U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stacey Jernigan. Despite an eleventh-hour attempt by the buyer to cut \$100 million from the price, the finalized compromise grants certain leasing concessions while securing roughly \$15 million more in proceeds for creditors, earning approval from key stakeholders ahead of formal execution and the upcoming Chapter 11 confirmation hearing.</p> <p><b>13. Center for Medicare Advocacy</b></p> |

October 8, 2026

[\*Nursing Home Oversight System Is Not Protecting Residents\*](#)

By Toby Edelman

[\*A recent analysis by the Long Term Care Community Coalition,\*](#)

highlighted by the Center for Medicare Advocacy, reveals a persistent accountability gap in the U.S. nursing home oversight system from 2022 to 2024. The report shows that 94% of facility deficiencies are cited below the level of actual harm, preventing financial penalties since federal fines are primarily tied to serious incidents. Furthermore, overall enforcement declined significantly during this period, with nationwide fines dropping by 56.5% and widespread state-level discrepancies in how serious violations—such as understaffing, infection control, and improper use of antipsychotic drugs—are classified and penalized.

**14. New Bedford Light**

October 5, 2026

[\*State updates nursing home staffing incentives following Light investigation\*](#)

By Grace Ferguson

*After The Light found widespread understaffing in Massachusetts nursing homes, health officials are stepping up staffing penalties and incentives.*

Following an investigative report by *The New Bedford Light* that revealed widespread understaffing across Massachusetts nursing homes, state health officials updated MassHealth payment policies to introduce a new penalty tier—a steeper 8% rate cut—for facilities with the absolute lowest staffing levels.

While elder advocacy groups like the Massachusetts Dignity Alliance welcomed the harsher penalties to prevent fines from merely becoming the "cost of doing business," advocates expressed concerns regarding a new regulatory exemption allowing high-staffing facilities to bypass mandatory direct-care spending floors.

The updated regulations take aim at chronic understaffing issues while operating alongside separate state efforts to strengthen overall long-term care oversight and licensing accountability in Massachusetts.

**15. McKnights Long Term Care News**

September 16, 2026

[\*With 'watershed' \\$581M settlement, Genesis races toward bankruptcy close\*](#)

By Kimberly Marselas

Genesis HealthCare has cleared the final major hurdle in its 16-month-long Chapter 11 bankruptcy case, paving the way for its nearly 300 subsidiaries and 175 nursing homes to be acquired by NewGen Health for \$996 million. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stacey Jernigan approved a "watershed" \$581 million settlement resolving disputes with key creditors and major investor Joel Landau, whose prior control-maintaining bids had faced scrutiny and rejection. This pivotal agreement settles massive liabilities—including millions owed to landlords, lenders, and creditors—and puts the parties on track to finalize the transaction by a late-September or early-October deadline.

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| <p><b>Personal Needs Allowance</b></p> <p>Editor's note:<br/>For more information about the Personal Needs Allowance in Massachusetts and Dignity Alliance Massachusetts efforts to establish an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) and to increase the amount of the allowance, see:<br/><a href="https://dignityalliancema.org/2025/01/13/2025-01-14-spotlight-medicaid-personal-needs-allowances-overdue-for-adjustment/">https://dignityalliancema.org/2025/01/13/2025-01-14-spotlight-medicaid-personal-needs-allowances-overdue-for-adjustment/</a><br/>and<br/>the \$72.80 Project<br/><a href="https://dignityalliancema.org/2026/08/31/2026-09-01-spotlight-the-72-80-project/">https://dignityalliancema.org/2026/08/31/2026-09-01-spotlight-the-72-80-project/</a></p> | <p><b>16. 24/7 Wall Street</b><br/>October 9, 2026<br/><a href="#"><i><u>The Nursing Home Takes \$2,340 of His \$2,400 Monthly Check. Medicaid Lets Him Keep \$60. In Alaska, He'd Get \$200</u></i></a><br/>By Gerelyn Terzo<br/>When a nursing home resident relies on Medicaid to cover long-term care, the federal post-eligibility income formula requires nearly all of their monthly income—such as a \$2,400 monthly check from Social Security and a pension—to be paid directly to the facility as patient liability, leaving only a tiny fraction for personal spending.<br/>This leftover amount is known as the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA), which covers incidental expenses like clothing, haircuts, and phone bills. While the federal government has kept its baseline minimum at a frozen \$30 a month since 1988, individual states set their own rates, creating vast disparities where a resident keeps \$72.80 in Massachusetts but up to \$200 in Alaska.<br/>Because these allowances rarely increase unless states take legislative action—and can be eaten up by automatic increases like Social Security cost-of-living adjustments—advocates continue to push for federal reforms, such as the proposed PNA Modernization Act, to double the federal minimum and provide residents with more financial dignity.</p> |
| <p><b>Home and Community Based Services</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>17. KFF</b><br/>October 5, 2026<br/><a href="#"><i><u>A Look at Waiting Lists for Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services from 2016 to 2026</u></i></a><br/>By Alice Burns, Abby Wolk, and Molly O'Malley Watts<br/>A new KFF analysis reveals that waiting and interest lists for Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) remained largely stable between 2016 and 2026, with approximately 40 states maintaining lists totaling nearly 650,000 individuals nationally.<br/>While these waiting lists—the majority of which comprise individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities—fluctuated very little in the aggregate, over 30 states reported increases in their list numbers heading into 2026, though waiting lists remain an imperfect and variable metric of unmet need due to differing state screening practices and enrollment caps.<br/>Looking ahead, ongoing workforce shortages exacerbated by immigration policy changes, shifting state budgets, and new federal reporting requirements under upcoming Medicaid access rules are expected to heavily influence how states manage and report long-term home care availability.</p>                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Behavioral Health</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>18. New York Times (free access)</b><br/>October 11, 2026<br/><a href="#"><i><u>The Neuroscience of Decluttering</u></i></a><br/>By Emily Falk</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|              | <p>Struggling to throw away sentimental clutter is not irrational, as neuroscientific research shows that the brain systems responsible for valuing objects overlap heavily with those tracking self-identity and loss aversion, causing us to view possessions as extensions of ourselves and experience parting with them as actual pain.</p> <p>To bypass this neurological resistance and make letting go easier, individuals can reframe their decision-making process by asking, "Would I buy this today?", adopting a neutral outsider's perspective, or taking a photograph of the item to preserve the memory while clearing physical space.</p> <p>Ultimately, understanding how our brains process ownership and value allows us to intentionally release physical items and outdated behaviors that no longer serve us, without feeling like we are losing the core of who we are.</p>                                                                                                                                            |
| Housing      | <p><b>19. Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies</b><br/>September 24, 2026<br/><a href="#"><i>As Baby Boomers Age, Housing Demand Faces a Rising Headwind</i></a><br/>By Daniel McCue</p> <p>As the baby boomer generation enters advanced age, rising mortality and disability rates are driving an inevitable acceleration in the net loss of older adult households, a trend projected to reach 1.6 million households annually between 2025 and 2035. While older adults typically demand more housing units per capita due to smaller household sizes, these mounting generational household dissolutions will increasingly offset new household formations by younger generations. Consequently, overall net household growth faces a significant headwind in the coming decades, creating both a reduced need for new construction and a pressing public and private sector challenge in managing and rehabilitating vacated housing stock.</p>                                                                          |
| Caregiving   | <p><b>20. National Academy of State Health Policy</b><br/>August 24, 2026<br/><a href="#"><i>How States Are Leveraging Multisector Plans for Aging to Support Caregivers</i></a><br/>By Jacob Thayil, Wendy Fox-Grage, and Torshira Moffett</p> <p>A growing number of states are implementing Multisector Plans for Aging (MPAs)—comprehensive, 10-year strategic frameworks that align policies across health, housing, transportation, and human services—to address the immense physical, emotional, and financial strains experienced by both paid and unpaid family caregivers, who currently provide roughly 80 percent of all long-term care.</p> <p>Drawing inspiration from the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers, early-implementing states are leveraging their MPAs to establish concrete initiatives such as free multilingual training and education programs, expanded community health worker navigation networks, targeted outreach for respite care, and culturally responsive caregiver equity roadmaps.</p> |
| Aging Topics | <p><b>21. *Wall Street Journal</b><br/>October 9, 2026<br/><a href="#"><i>Affluent and Older Americans Got Much Richer in Postpandemic Years</i></a><br/>By Rachel Louise Ensign</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                   | <p><i>Federal Reserve study finds overall median net worth rose 2% between 2022 and 2025</i></p> <p>Based on the Federal Reserve's 2025 Survey of Consumer Finances, overall median family net worth experienced a modest 2% rise to \$216,000 between 2022 and 2025—a sharp deceleration from the historic 37% surge seen in the preceding period. This data reflects a widening economic divide: while persistent inflation and financial stress have eroded wealth for younger generations (those under 35 saw a 23% drop) and lower-earning groups, affluent and older Americans have thrived. Notably, individuals aged 75 and older became the wealthiest demographic with a median net worth of \$505,000, largely propelled by decades-long asset appreciation in booming housing and stock markets.</p> <p><b>22. *Wall Street Journal</b></p> <p>October 9, 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><i>'Superagers' Are Living—and Thriving—Long Past 80. Could I Be One of Them?</i></a></p> <p>By Jamie Waters</p> <p><i>Our columnist took part in a longevity fitness challenge to find out how well he's aging and learn how people are turning back the clock</i></p> <p>The author attends a trial run of the Super Age Games—a joyful, community-focused longevity fitness competition created by the media brand Super Age in partnership with the Buck Institute for Research on Aging. The event gamifies healthy aging through eight physical and cognitive tests that measure markers like aerobic fitness, grip strength, and agility to calculate a participant's "Super Age." Despite facing humbling moments on the obstacle course and balance beam, as well as finishing last among men in their 30s due to poor balance, the author excelled on the air bike and ultimately received a surprising, ego-boosting Super Age result of 27, illustrating how these fun wellness challenges offer an engaging, evidence-based approximation of physical vitality.</p> |
| Disability Topics | <p><b>23. *State House News</b></p> <p>October 7, 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><i>At State House event, advocates mark disability employment month</i></a></p> <p>At a National Disability Employment Awareness Month event hosted by the Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Disability Policy Consortium (DPC) received an award for its inclusion efforts, highlighting how proactive accommodation discussions alleviate hiring anxieties for employees like DPC research coordinator Maggie Sheets, while state leaders—including former Representative Denise Garlick, Senator Joan Lovely, and Governor Maura Healey—emphasized both the ongoing career barriers faced by individuals with disabilities and the critical importance of ensuring they are included in evolving workplace technologies.</p> <p><b>24. Autism Spectrum News</b></p> <p>September 25, 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><i>The Unfinished Business of the ADA: Financial Security for People With Disabilities</i></a></p> <p>By Gyasi Burks-Abbott</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|           | <p>Marking the 36th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the National Council on Disability introduced its "Plan for Disability Middle Class Framework" to address persistent economic disparities, noting that roughly one in four Americans with disabilities still live below the poverty line.</p> <p>A primary driver of this ongoing financial insecurity is the rigid \$2,000 asset limit for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)—a threshold unchanged since 1989 that penalizes personal savings, discourages employment, and penalizes marriage, trapping many individuals in cycles of dependency.</p> <p>Furthermore, broader policy threats such as recent federal Medicaid cuts jeopardize essential Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), underscoring the urgent need for systemic reform that views people with disabilities as valuable economic contributors rather than financial burdens.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Longevity | <p><b>25. Quartz</b><br/>October 10, 2026<br/><a href="#">Meet the oldest people in the world ever confirmed by Guinness World Records</a><br/>By Colleen Cabili<br/><i>Guinness World Records has verified only a few people who lived past 115, with stories spanning four continents and three centuries</i><br/>Guinness World Records maintains a rigorous verification standard for extreme longevity, requiring continuous documentation—such as birth certificates, census entries, marriage records, and baptismal registries authenticated by gerontology experts—to prevent the inaccuracies common in unverified age claims.</p> <p>Only a tiny fraction of individuals in documented history have been confirmed to reach age 115 or older, with Jeanne Calment of France holding the all-time verified record by living to 122 years and 164 days. Nearly every verified supercentenarian on record is a woman, and these rare documented lifespans provide essential baseline data for demographers and biologists studying genetics, health trends, and the absolute limits of human survival.</p> <p><b>26. Washington Post</b><br/>September 28, 2026<br/><a href="#">Why is Ringo Starr still performing at 86? Because he can.</a><br/>By Timothy Bella<br/><i>The drummer is onstage again, with death-defying energy and feel-good vibes.</i><br/>At 86 years old, former Beatle Ringo Starr continues to defy conventional aging by maintaining an active touring schedule and high-energy stage presence, attributing his remarkable vitality to a simple, consistent lifestyle built around regular exercise, a healthy plant-based vegetarian diet, daily movement, and a lifelong passion for making music.</p> |
| Veterans  | <p><b>27. Veterans Health Today</b><br/>October 9, 2026<br/><a href="#">High-Quality Skilled Nursing Facilities Remain Underutilized Among Older US Veterans</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                                            | <p>By Rebecca Amrick</p> <p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following hospitalization, most veterans discharged to a skilled nursing facility (SNF) received care at a private facility outside the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rather than a VA nursing home.</li> <li>• Despite having 4- or 5-star SNFs in their area, 54.9% of veterans attended an SNF with a rating of 4 stars or higher, with only one-third attending the highest-quality SNF available.</li> <li>• SNF selection and utilization may be impacted by inadequate education and resources as well as restrictive health insurance policies.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Office of Attorney General Andrea Campbell | <p><b>28. Office of Attorney General Andrea Campbell</b></p> <p>October 8, 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><u>AG Campbell Seeks Court Approval For Settlements With Generic Drug Manufacturers Over Conspiracy To Inflate Prices And Limit Competition</u></a></p> <p><i>AGO Encourages Consumers Who Purchased Generic Prescription Drugs in the United States Between May 2009 and December 2019 to Check Eligibility for Compensation</i></p> <p>Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell joined a multistate coalition of 45 states and territories in seeking court approval for settlements with generic drug manufacturers Ascend Laboratories, Citron Pharma, and Mayne Pharma, resolving allegations that the companies conspired to artificially inflate prices, limit competition, and restrain trade on numerous generic prescription drugs through financial penalties and strict compliance and antitrust reforms.</p> |
| Election 2026                              | <p><b>29. Wired</b></p> <p>October 12, 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Far-Right Election Groups Are Now Targeting Nursing Homes</u></a></p> <p>By David Gilbert</p> <p><i>Inspired by new guidance from the Trump administration, right-wing election groups are targeting nursing homes, baselessly claiming that left-wing groups are stealing residents' votes.</i></p> <p>According to <i>Wired</i>, right-wing election groups have increasingly focused their efforts on nursing homes, driven by new federal guidance and unsupported claims that left-wing organizations are manipulating or stealing the votes of vulnerable facility residents.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| State Policy                               | <p><b>30. National Academy of State Health Policy</b></p> <p>October 9, 2026</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Aging Policy Takes Center Stage at NASHP's 2026 Annual Conference</u></a></p> <p>By Claire Kolmansberger, Kimberly Hodges, and Wendy Fox-Grage</p> <p>At the National Academy for State Health Policy's (NASHP) 2026 annual conference, aging took center stage as policymakers addressed the pressing challenges of a rapidly growing older adult population, severe direct care workforce shortages, and mounting pressures on long-term care systems and Medicaid budgets.</p> <p>Discussions highlighted the vital role of family caregivers and home- and community-based services (HCBS)—which face widespread waitlists across states—while exploring strategies such as technology integration, improved Medicare-Medicaid coordination, palliative care</p>                                                            |

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|                                                                                 | <p>expansion, and collaborative oversight to "future-proof" state aging policies.</p> <p><b>31. State House News</b> (link not available)</p> <p>September 29, 2026</p> <p><i>Oversight rules on the move after Globe Spotlight report</i></p> <p>By Colin A. Young</p> <p>Following a <i>Boston Globe</i> Spotlight investigation revealing that the Department of Public Health has not denied a nursing home acquisition or revoked a license in at least seven years—even as out-of-state operators like RegalCare faced fraud settlements and falling facility ratings—Governor Maura Healey defended her administration's oversight. Healey emphasized that newly finalized regulations will provide regulators with explicit authority to scrutinize out-of-state records, compliance histories, and financial shifts.</p> <p>The Department of Public Health is scheduled to bring these regulations to the Public Health Council to implement a long-term care oversight law passed in September 2024. The rules explicitly require state regulators to evaluate an operator's in-state and out-of-state quality history, criminal background, civil litigation, private equity involvement, and management company stability when weighing facility acquisitions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>A Raise for Mom: Campaign to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)</p> | <p><b><i>The Campaign to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)</i></b></p> <p>For nearly 20 years, the Personal Needs Allowance for Nursing Home and Rest Home residents has been stuck at \$72.80 per month. If inflation had been factored since the amount was last set, the allowance should now be about \$113.42. Costs for everything have increased over the last two decades, but the PNA has remained unchanged. That means that folks residing in nursing homes and rest homes have been paying ever higher prices for their personal needs – items not covered within the care, room, and board required to be provided by nursing and rest homes. These residents are obligated to pay almost all their monthly Social Security and other income for their basic care leaving the PNA to cover all other life's necessities. Amplifying this situation, Massachusetts has the highest cost of living of any state in the continental United States – meaning these vulnerable residents can afford less each and every year.</p> <p>Three similar bills have been filed in the Massachusetts Legislature this year and are awaiting a public hearing with the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, chaired by Senator Cindy Friedman and Representative John Lawn. The bills to raise the PNA are Senate Bill 887 by Senator Joan Lovely and others; Senate Bill 482 by Senators Patricia Jehlen and Mark Montigny and others; and House Bill 1411 by Representative Thomas Stanley and others. As of the middle of May, twenty-nine legislators (11 senators, 16 representatives) have already co-sponsored one or more of these bills. DignityMA, AARP Massachusetts, and LeadingAge Massachusetts are among the statewide organizations that have indicated support of the PNA legislation. There's still time for other legislators to become co-sponsors. Please contact your state senator and representative using this link: <a href="https://dignityalliancema.org/take-action/#/25">https://dignityalliancema.org/take-action/#/25</a>. It literally takes less than a minute to deliver the message.</p> <p>If you are a nursing or rest home resident, family member, or caregiver and have a story about the inadequacy of the current PNA, your story can help put an important human face on why this raise is so necessary. Please submit your story via <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ForgetMeNotPNA">https://tinyurl.com/ForgetMeNotPNA</a> or you can email your story to Dignity</p> |

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|                                                                                                          | <p>Alliance MA (<a href="mailto:info@DignityAllianceMA.org">info@DignityAllianceMA.org</a>), noting at least your first name and town where you live so that we can include your story in the testimony submitted to the Legislature.</p> <p><i>*We selected the Forget-me-not as our symbol to encourage legislators to remember older adults in nursing and rest homes who have gone so long without a raise in the PNA.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Books by DignityMA Participants                                                                          | <p><b><u><a href="#">A Perfect Turmoil: Walter E. Fernald and the Struggle to Care for America's Disabled</a></u></b><br/> By Alex Green<br/> <u><a href="#">Buy the book here</a></u></p> <p>Alex Green teaches political communications at Harvard Kennedy School and is a visiting fellow at the Harvard Law School Project on Disability and a visiting scholar at Brandeis University Lurie Institute for Disability Policy. He is the author of legislation to create a first-of-its-kind, disability-led human rights commission to investigate the history of state institutions for disabled people in Massachusetts.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">American Eldercide: How It Happened, How to Prevent It</a></u></b><br/> By Margaret Morganroth Gullette<br/> <u><a href="#">Buy the book here.</a></u></p> <p><b>Margaret Morganroth Gullette</b> is a cultural critic and anti-ageism pioneer whose prize-winning work is foundational in critical age studies. She is the author of several books, including <i>Agewise</i>, <i>Aged by Culture</i>, and <i>Ending Ageism, or How Not to Shoot Old People</i>. Her writing has appeared in publications such as the <i>New York Times</i>, <i>Washington Post</i>, <i>Guardian</i>, <i>Atlantic</i>, <i>Nation</i>, and the <i>Boston Globe</i>. She is a resident scholar at the Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis, and lives in Newton, Massachusetts.</p> |
| Bringing People Home:<br>The Marsters Settlement                                                         | <p>Webpages:<br/> <a href="https://www.centerforpublicrep.org/court_case/marsters-et-al-v-healey-et-al/">https://www.centerforpublicrep.org/court_case/marsters-et-al-v-healey-et-al/</a><br/> <a href="https://marsters.centerforpublicrep.org/">https://marsters.centerforpublicrep.org/</a></p> <p>Marsters data for the calendar year 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 499 people who have returned and are active in the community</li> <li>• Efforts to validate status of 63 others who are in the community</li> <li>• Target for 2025 and 2026 is 600 transitions</li> <li>• 1,369 currently enrolled</li> <li>• 100 AHVP vouchers issued for transitions: 71 used, 10 in process.</li> </ul> <p>The Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) is a state-funded rental assistance program in Massachusetts specifically designed for non-elderly (under age 60) people with disabilities who have low incomes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Support Dignity Alliance Massachusetts</b></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Please Donate!</a></u></b></p> | <p>Dignity Alliance Massachusetts is a grassroots, volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to transformative change to ensure the dignity of older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. We are committed to advancing ways of providing long-term services, support, living options and care that respect individual choice and self-determination. Through education, legislation, regulatory reform, and legal strategies, this mission will become reality throughout the Commonwealth.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| Dignity Alliance Massachusetts Legislative Endorsements   | <p>Information about the legislative bills which have been endorsed by Dignity Alliance Massachusetts, including the text of the bills, can be viewed at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/DignityLegislativeEndorsements">https://tinyurl.com/DignityLegislativeEndorsements</a></p> <p>Questions or comments can be directed to Legislative Work Group Chair Richard (Dick) Moore at <a href="mailto:dickmoore1943@gmail.com">dickmoore1943@gmail.com</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Websites                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Blogs                                                     | <p><b><a href="https://okayboomer.substack.com/">Risking Old Age in America</a></b><br/> <a href="https://okayboomer.substack.com/">https://okayboomer.substack.com/</a><br/>         By Harry Margolis<br/>         With 65 million Baby Boomers becoming older by the day, the United States is facing a looming elder care crisis. This blog explores how the nation and individuals can prepare for it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Podcasts                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Previously recommended websites                           | <p>The comprehensive list of recommended websites has migrated to the Dignity Alliance MA website: <a href="https://dignityalliancema.org/resources/">https://dignityalliancema.org/resources/</a>. Only new recommendations will be listed in <i>The Dignity Digest</i>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Websites of Dignity Alliance Massachusetts Members        | <p>See: <a href="https://dignityalliancema.org/about/organizations/">https://dignityalliancema.org/about/organizations/</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Contact information for reporting complaints and concerns | <p><b>Nursing home</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b><a href="#">Department of Public Health</a></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Print and complete the <a href="#">Consumer/Resident/Patient Complaint Form</a></li> <li>2. Fax completed form to (617) 753-8165</li> </ol> <p>Or<br/>         Mail to 67 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752</p> <p><b><a href="#">Ombudsman Program</a></b></p> |
| MassHealth Eligibility Information                        | <p><b><a href="#">MassHealth / Massachusetts Medicaid Income &amp; Asset Limits for Nursing Homes &amp; Long-Term Care</a></b></p> <p><b>Table of Contents</b> (Last updated: December 16, 2024)</p> <p><b><a href="#">Massachusetts Medicaid Long-Term Care Definition</a></b></p> <p><b><a href="#">Income &amp; Asset Limits for Eligibility</a></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                  | <a href="#">Income Definition &amp; Exceptions</a><br><a href="#">Asset Definition &amp; Exceptions</a><br><a href="#">Home Exemption Rules</a><br><a href="#">Medical / Functional Need Requirements</a><br><a href="#">Qualifying When Over the Limits</a><br><a href="#">Specific Massachusetts Medicaid Programs</a><br><a href="#">How to Apply for Massachusetts Medicaid</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Money Follows the Person         | <b>MassHealth</b><br><a href="#">Money Follows the Person</a><br>The Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration helps older adults and people with disabilities move from nursing facilities, chronic disease or rehabilitation hospitals, or other qualified facilities back to the community.<br><b>Statistics as of March 31, 2025:</b><br>344 people transitioned out of nursing facilities in 2024<br>49 transitions in January and February 2025<br>910 currently in transition planning<br><a href="#">Open PDF file, 1.34 MB, MFP Demonstration Brochure</a><br><a href="#">MFP Demonstration Brochure - Accessible Version</a><br><a href="#">MFP Demonstration Fact Sheet</a><br><a href="#">MFP Demonstration Fact Sheet - Accessible Version</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Nursing Home Closures            | List of Nursing Home Closures in Massachusetts Since July 2021:<br><a href="https://dignityalliancema.org/2025/04/07/nursing-home-closures-since-july-2021/">https://dignityalliancema.org/2025/04/07/nursing-home-closures-since-july-2021/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Determination of Need Projects   | List of Determination of Need Applications regarding nursing homes since 2020:<br><a href="https://dignityalliancema.org/2025/04/07/list-of-determination-of-need-applications/">https://dignityalliancema.org/2025/04/07/list-of-determination-of-need-applications/</a><br>Recent approval:<br><a href="#">Town of Nantucket – Long Term Care Substantial Capital Expenditure</a><br>Approved May 5, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| List of Special Focus Facilities | <b>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</b><br><i>List of Special Focus Facilities and Candidates</i><br><a href="https://www.cms.gov/files/document/sff-posting-candidate-list-march-2025.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/files/document/sff-posting-candidate-list-march-2025.pdf</a><br><b>Updated March 26, 2025</b><br>CMS has published a new list of <a href="#">Special Focus Facilities</a> (SFF). SFFs are nursing homes with serious quality issues based on a calculation of deficiencies cited during inspections and the scope and severity level of those citations. CMS publicly discloses the names of the facilities chosen to participate in this program and candidate nursing homes.<br>To be considered for the SFF program, a facility must have a history (at least 3 years) of serious quality issues. These nursing facilities generally have more deficiencies than the average facility, and more serious problems such as harm or injury to residents. Special Focus Facilities have more frequent surveys and are subject to progressive enforcement until it either graduates from the program or is terminated from Medicare and/or Medicaid. |
| Nursing Home Inspect             | <b>ProPublica</b><br><b>Nursing Home Inspect</b><br><b>Data updated October 15, 2025</b><br>This app uses data from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Fines are listed for the past three years if a home has made partial or full payment (fines under appeal are not included). Information on deficiencies comes from a home's last three inspection cycles, or roughly three years in total (July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025).<br>Massachusetts listing:<br><a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/state/MA">https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/state/MA</a><br><b>Deficiencies By Severity in Massachusetts</b><br><a href="#">(What do the severity ratings mean?)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                                                                                                                 | Deficiency Tag # Deficiencies in # Reports MA facilities cited<br>B 257 187 <a href="#">Tag B</a><br>C 77 63 <a href="#">Tag C</a><br>D 5,993 1,193 <a href="#">Tag D</a><br>E 1,872 630 <a href="#">Tag E</a><br>F 446 226 <a href="#">Tag F</a><br>G 420 278 <a href="#">Tag G</a><br>H 54 30 <a href="#">Tag H</a><br>I 2 1 <a href="#">Tag I</a><br>J 64 31 <a href="#">Tag J</a><br>K 30 9 <a href="#">Tag K</a><br>L 7 2 <a href="#">Tag L</a><br><b>Updated October 15, 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| Nursing Home Compare                                                                                            | <b>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)</b><br><i>Nursing Home Compare Website</i><br>Beginning January 26, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is posting new information that will help consumers have a better understanding of certain staffing information and concerns at facilities.<br><a href="https://tinyurl.com/NursingHomeCompareWebsite">https://tinyurl.com/NursingHomeCompareWebsite</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| Data on Ownership of Nursing Homes                                                                              | <b>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</b><br><i>Data on Ownership of Nursing Homes</i><br>CMS has released data giving state licensing officials, state and federal law enforcement, researchers, and the public an enhanced ability to identify common owners of nursing homes across nursing home locations. This information can be linked to other data sources to identify the performance of facilities under common ownership, such as owners affiliated with multiple nursing homes with a record of poor performance. The data is available on nursing home ownership will be posted to <a href="https://data.cms.gov">data.cms.gov</a> and updated monthly. |                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| DignityMA Call Action                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Advocate</b> for state bills that advance the Dignity Alliance Massachusetts' Mission and Goals – <a href="#">State Legislative Endorsements</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Support</b> relevant bills in Washington – <a href="#">Federal Legislative Endorsements</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Join</b> our <a href="#">Work Groups</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Learn</b> to use and leverage social media at our workshops: <a href="#">Engaging Everyone: Creating Accessible, Powerful Social Media Content</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  |                               |                                                                                                                                            |
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