



California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports

2019 Member Budget & Policy Priorities

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ISSUE	COLLABORATIVE SPONSOR	TYPE	DETAILS
I. PREVENTING LOSSES OF CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED AND EXPECTED SERVICES			
MSSP Rate Increase	MSSP Site Association	Budget Item	Provide a one-time-only supplemental increase of \$24.9 million (GF) over three budget years.
DD Rate Increase	The Arc of California; California Disability Services Assoc.	Budget Item	The Arc is asking for an 8% across-the-board rate increase to Regional Center-funded services as a “down payment” toward the recommendations made thru the rate study.
IHSS Service Restoration	SEIU Local 2015 UDW	Budget Item	Permanent restoration of the 7% service cut in IHSS hours for program recipients.
LTC Ombudsman Increase	CLTCOA	Budget Item	Requesting \$5.2 million to increase unannounced visits to facilities and investigate 8,000 more complaints annually.
Increase Medi-Cal Reimbursement Rate for CBAS	CA Association for Adult Day Services (CAADS)	Budget Item	CAADS is requesting restoration of the 10% cut to the current fee-for-service Medi-Cal published rate, and requesting a 15% cost-of-living increase.
II. EXPANDING ACCESS TO NEEDED SERVICES THAT BEND THE COST CURVE			
Expand and Improve Assisted Living Waiver	Justice in Aging and Coalition of Organizations	Legislation	AB 50 – Kalra; Expand the Assisted Living Waiver beyond the 15 existing waiver counties and to increase slots from 5,500 to 18,500.
Increase eligibility for full Medi-Cal for seniors to 138% FPL	Justice in Aging, Disability Rights CA, Western Center on Law & Poverty	Legislation & Budget Item	AB 715 – Arambula (seeking new author); Increase the Medi-Cal eligibility limits for the aged and disabled program to 138% to match the higher limits in other Medi-Cal programs.
Increase Medi-Cal Asset Limit	Justice in Aging, Western Law & Poverty	Legislation	AB 683 – Carrillo; Increase the asset limit in the Medi-Cal program from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for an individual; revise counting rules; and eliminate Medicare Savings Program asset limits.
End yo-yo-ing or flipping between free and share of cost Medi-Cal	Justice in Aging, Disability Rights California, Western Center on Law & Poverty	Legislation	AB 1088 – Wood; stops seniors and adults with disabilities from yo-yo-ing or flipping between free and share of cost Medi-Cal because of payment of Medicare Part B premium.

Increase, Expand, and Improve Home Upkeep Allowance	Disability Rights California & Western Center on Law and Poverty	Legislation	AB 1042 – Wood; increases the home upkeep allowance for transitional needs funds for Medi-Cal recipients in long-term care facilities. Expands access to individuals who rent and not just own homes.
Public Health Infrastructure Investments for Alzheimer’s Disease Prevention (Cont.)	Alzheimer’s Association	Legislation & Budget Item	AB 388 – Limon; \$9.75 million to build statewide public health infrastructure at the state level using several strategies, including adding clinical experts to the CA Dept of Public Health, implementing the Healthy Brain Initiative roadmap, promoting public awareness and other improvements. Also provides funding for competitive grants for 8 local Public Health Departments to implement the Healthy Brain Initiative.
Transfer of PACE Licensing Functions from DPH to DHCS	CalPACE	Legislation	AB 1128 – Petrie-Norris; transfers responsibility for licensing of PACE programs and expansions to DHCS, thereby streamlining the approval process and avoiding delay of access to PACE services.
III. STRENGTHENING AND MODERNIZING COMMUNITY LIVING AND SUPPORTS			
CA Community Transitions Program	Disability Rights CA	Legislation & Budget Item	SB 214 – Dodd. California General-Funded version of the federal Money Follows the Person program to provide services for people to transition out of nursing homes to the community.
Modify PACE Rate Methodology	CalPACE	Budget Trailer Bill	The changes will make the PACE rate methodology more supportive of PACE’s capital needs and mission of serving exclusively high-risk beneficiaries.
Funding for Adult Protective Services Training	CA Commission on Aging CA Elder Justice Coalition	Budget Item	Proposal to finance APS training to replace 3-year funding that is expiring. This will be another 3-year request. Requesting \$5.75 million to be matched by Medi-Cal dollars, of which \$1.25 million will go to the public authority and the rest would be designated for APS.
DD Rate Study	Lanterman Coalition	Budget Trailer Bill	The rate study is anticipated to highlight the underfunding of the DD system and make recommendations for more equitable funding.
California Caregiver Resource Centers Funding	Association of California Caregiver Resource Centers	Budget Item	One-Time supplemental budget increase of \$10M per year over the next 3 years to modernize and retool the statewide system to recognize and support the changing demographics of California family caregivers and the complexity of care needed by their family members.
Establish California Community Living Act	California Association of Area Agencies on Aging	Legislation	AB 1136 – Nazarian; establish the California Department of Community Living with the CHHS and reorganization of the existing

			California Department of Aging.
Establish pilot to place volunteers to provide respite care	Youth Movement Against Alzheimer's	Legislation	AB 568 – Reyes; establishes pool of grant funding to implement Care Corps programs across the state to place volunteers to provide respite to persons who have Alzheimer's disease or related dementias above the Medi-Cal eligibility thresholds.
Create a Master Plan on Aging	Author Sponsored	Legislation	SB 228 – Jackson; requires Governor to appoint an Aging Czar and 15-member Aging Task Force to develop a Master Plan for Aging.
Increase Medi-Cal Allowance for Living Expenses		CONCEPT	LifeSTEPS is concerned that the Medi-Cal allowance for living expenses is unreasonable for affordable housing residents at \$600 per individual and \$934 per couple.
Fix for IHSS First Paycheck Delay Problem		CONCEPT	Californians for Disability Rights is very concerned that the problem of late IHSS paychecks for new workers is having a negative impact on consumers being able to find IHSS workers.
Affordable Housing		CONCEPT	California Supported Living Network is concerned about affordable housing.
California Department of Aging (Statewide) Budget Request	Senior Services Coalition of Alameda Co	Budget Item	Requesting \$45.092 million to assist seniors to stay connected with their communities, and to help them to comply with care plans and avoid institutionalization.