Justice in Aging is a national organization that uses the power of law to fight senior poverty by securing access to affordable health care, economic security, and the courts for older adults with limited resources.

Since 1972 we’ve focused our efforts primarily on fighting for people who have been marginalized and excluded from justice, such as women, people of color, LGBTQ individuals, and people with limited English proficiency.
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To achieve Justice in Aging, we must:

• Acknowledge systemic racism and discrimination
• Address the enduring negative effects of racism and differential treatment
• Promote access and equity in economic security, health care, and the courts for our nation’s low-income older adults
• Recruit, support, and retain a diverse staff and board, including race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and presentation, sexual orientation, disability, age, economic class
Agenda

• Overview of California Budget
  • LTSS Programs
  • Health Programs
  • SSI and Aging Programs

• What comes next? (Soon you’ll see)
• Long-Term Care at Home Benefit proposal
CA Budget: LTSS Programs
CBAS Program

• Governor’s Proposal: Eliminate CBAS, unless federal funding allocated

• Final Budget: **CBAS Preserved for 36,000**, federal funding not required
MSSP Program

• Governor’s Proposal: Eliminate MSSP, unless federal funding allocated

• Final Budget: **MSSP Preserved for 10,000**, federal funding not required
IHSS Program

• Governor’s Proposal: Reinstate 7% across the board hours cut, unless federal funding allocated

• Final Budget: **Full funding** for IHSS hours for 630,000 people
What It All Means?

• Huge win!
• Amazing advocacy from community
• Preserving California’s HCBS infrastructure during COVID
Medi-Cal Aged & Disabled

- Governor’s Proposal: Cancel plan to expand Medi-Cal Aged & Disabled income limit to 138% FPL

- Final Budget: **Expand Medi-Cal A&D income limit to 138%**

- Concern: DHCS doesn’t have an implementation date
AB 1088 Part B Disregard

• Governor’s Proposal: Eliminate AB 1088 Part B Disregard Fix

• Final Budget: Preserve AB 1088 Fix

• Concern: DHCS doesn’t have an implementation date
Medi-Cal Estate Recovery

• Governor’s Proposal: Reinstatement more expansive Medi-Cal Estate Recovery

• Final Budget: Preserve limited Medi-Cal Estate Recovery rule
Medi-Cal Optional Benefits

• Governor’s Proposal: Eliminate following optional benefits, unless fed. funding:
  • Audiology, speech therapy, incontinence washes & creams, optician/optical lab, podiatry, acupuncture, optometry, occupational & physical therapy, nurse anesthetist, speech therapy, pharmacist services, screening, brief intervention & referral to drug treatment

• Final Budget: All preserved
Adult Dental Benefits

• Governor’s Proposal: Reduce adult dental benefits, unless federal funding allocated

• Final Budget: **Full adult dental benefits preserved**
Medi-Cal: Undocumented Seniors

• Governor’s Proposal: Eliminate proposed expansion of Medi-Cal to undocumented seniors 65+

• Final Budget: No expansion of Medi-Cal benefits to undocumented seniors
CalAIM Initiative

• Governor’s Proposal: Delay implementation of CalAIM initiative

• Final Budget: Delay implementation of CalAIM initiative, seek extension of current 1115 waiver
What It All Means?

• Many wins!
• Amazing advocacy from community
• More work to do to:
  • Ensure implementation of A&D and AB1088
  • Expand Medi-Cal for undocumented seniors
CA Budget: SSI and Aging
SSI/SSP

• Governor’s Proposal: Reduce the state supplement (SSP) to the SSI grant by the federal cost of living adjustment (COLA)

• Final Budget: **Include COLA** in SSI/SSP grant
Caregiver Resource Centers

• Governor’s Proposal: Eliminate $20 million in funding over 2 years

• Final Budget: **Full funding preserved**
Senior Nutrition Programs

• Governor’s Proposal: Cut $8.45 million from senior nutrition with partial federal offset

• Final Budget: Preserve full funding
Long-Term Care Ombudsman

• Governor’s Proposal: Cut $2 million from LTC Ombudsman program

• Final Budget: **Full funding preserved**
Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

• Governor’s Proposal: Cut $2 million from ADRC funding

• Final Budget: **Full funding preserved**
What It All Means?

• Many wins!
• Amazing advocacy from community
• More work to do to:
  • Still need to restore SSI/SSP cuts from Great Recession
What Comes Next?
Potential Danger Ahead

- We are not out of the woods!
- Need more revenue
  - Federal
  - State
- Need to stay vigilant
  - These cuts could come back
  - Need to stand-up for older adults
Proposed New Benefit

• Long-Term Care at Home
  • Statewide HCBS benefit
  • Help decompress nursing homes & hospitals
  • Lots of questions remain

• Stakeholder meetings
  • Friday, July 17 3:00-5:00
  • Friday, July 31 1:00-2:30
Questions?

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