



**AREA AGENCIES ON AGING ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN  
ADVOCACY UPDATE: SILVER KEY CAMPAIGN SUCCESS  
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Legislators delivered on the pledges made at Older Michigianians Day to make Michigan a No Wait State by putting their final blessing on substantial increases for in-home services for seniors and people with disabilities. The increases are part of a massive 766-page FY 2015 budget bill – House Bill 5313 – soon to be sent to Governor Snyder’s desk for his signature. Since Governor Snyder was the impetus behind the No Wait State increases, first proposing them back in February, he is expected to give them his final approval. Summaries of the bill, along with the entire bill text, can be found at [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org).

The bill includes for next fiscal year . . .

- A \$3.2 million increase for Community Services in the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA).
- A \$1.8 million increase for Home-Delivered Meals in OSA.
- \$1 million for Elder Abuse Prevention in OSA.
- \$100,000 in one-time money for the Senior Olympics.
- \$26.2 million more for the MI Choice Medicaid Waiver.
- \$16.4 million more for PACE programs.
- \$150,000 in new funds for an Alzheimer’s In-home Care and Support Pilot project.
- \$1.1 million more (a 6% increase) for the Personal Care Supplement for Adult Foster Care.
- \$5 million more for Home Help to pay for minimum wage increases.
- \$478.5 million for Integrated Care Organizations.
- A \$386 million decrease in the Long Term Care Services line item that funds nursing homes, a 22% decrease.
- Half of the funding needed to maintain Medicaid physician payments at the same level as Medicare payments. As part of the Affordable Care Act, the federal government provided full funding of this enhancement for a limited time, but federal support ends this December. This means physicians will see a cut in January of 2015 in their Medicaid payments.

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