

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee Meeting



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Welcome and Introductions

Catherine Blakemore

Committee Chair

Family Member Representative

Today's Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. California's Leadership in Implementing Federal Alzheimer's & Caregiver Plan Recommendations (with Discussion & Public Comment)
- III. Alzheimer's Task Force Report Implementation Update
- IV. Lunch Break
- V. Legislative Update (with Discussion)
- VI. Update on CDA Long-term Care Facility Access Policy Workgroup (with Discussion)
- VII. Finalization of Recommendations & Items for CalHHS Secretary
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Closing Comments & Next Steps

Committee Member Introductions

Committee Chairs

- **Catherine Blakemore**, *Family Member Representative (Chair)*
- **Darrick Lam**, *Family Member Rep (Vice Chair)*

Stakeholder Committee Members

- **Andrea Robert**, *Consumer Rep*
- **Barbra McLendon**, *Alzheimer's Los Angeles, Service Provider Rep*
- **Celine Regalia**, *Providence Community Health Napa Valley, Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center Rep*
- **Dr. Dolores Gallagher Thompson**, *Stanford University, Social Research Rep*
- **Julie Souliere**, *CA Health & Human Services Agency*

Committee Member Introductions

Stakeholder Committee Members (Cont.)

- **Meg Barron**, *Alzheimer's Association, Consumer Organization Rep*
- **Sally Bergman**, *Elder Law Representative*
- **Dr. Sarah Tomaszewski Farias**, *UC-Davis, Alzheimer's Disease Diagnostic & Treatment Centers Rep*
- **Todd Shetter**, *ActivCare Living, Service Provider Rep*
- **Dr. William Mobley**, *UC San Diego, Academic Medical Research Rep*
- **Dr. Wynnелena Canlas Canio**, *Kaiser Permanente, Mental Health Field Rep*
- **Pam Montana**, *Consumer Rep*

California's Leadership in Implementing Federal Alzheimer's & Caregiver Plan Recommendations

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Barbra McLendon
Jared Giarrusso-Khlok
Darrick Lam

Background

Question

How well do California's current efforts match the recommendations of the recent federal plans on dementia & caregivers?

Process

- Reviewed national plans and examined areas of common focus
- Matched California's current efforts with plans' recommendations
- Identified opportunities for California to further their efforts

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease (NAPA*) – Goal 1

* National Alzheimer's Project Act

**NAPA
Goal 1:
Prevent and
Effectively
Treat
Alzheimer's
Disease and
Related
Dementias
by 2025**

Strategies:

- Research priorities & milestones
- Preventing and treating Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD)
- Identify early and pre-symptomatic stages
- Coordinate research with international public and private entities
- Translate findings into practice

**NAPA
Goal 1:
Prevent and
Effectively
Treat
Alzheimer's
Disease and
Related
Dementias
by 2025**

California's efforts:

- Healthy Brain Initiative and Blue Zone (Initiative 44)
- Initiative 53: new research grantees in June 2022 with equity focus (\$8.7M)
- Voluntary tax check-off (\$600K+/yr)
- Dementia Care Aware (DCA)
- CalAIM PATH-CITED
- CDC BOLD grant application submitted
- Alzheimer's Awareness Campaign

**National Plan to
Address Alzheimer's
Disease (NAPA) –
Goal 2**

**NAPA
Goal 2:
Enhance
Care Quality
and
Efficiency**

Strategies:

- Build workforce to provide high-quality care
- Ensure timely and accurate diagnosis
- Educate and support people with ADRD and their families
- Identify high-quality dementia care guidelines and measures across care settings

**NAPA
Goal 2:
Enhance
Care Quality
and
Efficiency**

Strategies:

- Explore effectiveness of new models of care
- Ensure safe and effective care transitions
- Advance coordinated and integrated health & long-term services/supports
- Improve care for populations disproportionately affected by ADRD

**NAPA
Goal 2:
Enhance
Care Quality
and
Efficiency**

California's Efforts:

- CalGrows training and stipends
- In-home Supportive Services Career Pathways
- CAIz Connect
- Alzheimer's Disease Centers
- Alzheimer's Registry
- Statewide Standards of Dementia Care
- No Wrong Door (MPA 71)

**NAPA
Goal 2:
Enhance
Care Quality
and
Efficiency**

California's Efforts:

- Nursing Home Innovation (Master Plan for Aging Initiative 63)
- LTSS Financing Initiative (MPA 18)
- Community Health Worker/Promotores
- *Dementia Care Aware**
- *CalAIM PATH-CITED*
- *CDC BOLD Public Health Program, application submitted*
- ** In italics if mentioned in previous slide*

National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers (RAISE*) – Goal 2

*RAISE – Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregiver Act

RAISE
Goal 2:
Advance
partnerships
and
engagement
with family
caregivers

Outcomes:

- Family caregivers recognized as essential partners in care teams
- Review strengths & identify needed services and supports
- Included family caregivers in development of plans of care
- Consider impact on family caregivers in policy decisions
- Skill building for professionals who may work with unpaid caregivers

**RAISE Goals 2
& 3 and
NAPA Goal 3:**

**Support for
Caregivers**

California's efforts:

Caregiver identification and assessment

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data
- CDPH caregiver training series
- *Cal-AIM*
- *Dementia Care Aware*
- *CA Alzheimer's Disease Centers*

**National Strategy to
Support Family
Caregivers (RAISE) –
Goal 3**

RAISE
Goal 3:
Strengthen
services and
supports for
family
caregivers

Outcomes:

Family caregivers can obtain:

- Person- and family-centered, trauma informed, and culturally appropriate caregiver services and supports.
- Appropriate respite services.
- Evidenced-based, education, counseling, and peer support.
- Safe places to live, nutritious food, and adequate transportation.
- Innovative tools and technology.
- Skills/tools to prepare for future care

RAISE
Goal 3:

**Strengthen
services and
supports for
family
caregivers**

Outcomes:

- Trained, vetted volunteers are ready to assist family caregivers.
- Caregivers' and care recipients' needs are a key consideration in emergency response efforts.
- An agile, flexible and well-trained direct care workforce is available.

RAISE
Goal 3:
Strengthen
services and
supports for
family
caregivers

California's efforts:

- Develop compendium of resources to meet education and training needs of California's diverse caregivers (MPA 80).
- Analyze state data to understand unmet needs of family caregivers with focus on addressing emotional burden of care and need for respite support (MPA 81).
- CDA \$22.5M boost for caregiver supports to Area Agencies on Aging.

RAISE
Goal 3:
Strengthen
services and
supports for
family
caregivers

California's efforts:

- Expand access to virtual care (tele-health) through Medi-Cal, particularly in underserved communities (MPA 86).
- Cal-Community Program for Alzheimer's Services & Supports
- CA Experience Corps program
- *CDA CalGROWS*
- *CDPH Caregiver Training*
- *CAIz Connect*

**National Plan to
Address Alzheimer's
Disease (NAPA) –
Goal 3**

**NAPA
Goal 3:
Expand
supports for
people with
ADRD and
their families**

Strategies:

- Culturally and linguistically appropriate education, training, and support materials.
- Help caregivers maintain their own health and well-being.
- Plan for future care needs.
- Maintain dignity, safety and rights of people with ARDR.
- Assess and address long-term services and supports needs.

**NAPA
Goal 3:
Expand
supports for
people with
ADRD and
their families**

California's efforts:

Caregiver identification & assessment

- Partner with organizations to ensure family caregiver assessments track equity metrics (MPA 79)
- Statewide Caregiver Equity Roadmap and Strategy (MPA 82)
- Community of Practice – older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

**NAPA
Goal 3:
Expand
supports for
people with
ADRD and
their families**

California's efforts:

Training and awareness

- CDPH Caregiver Training and Certification Program
- CDPH Public Awareness Campaign
- *Cal-AIM*
- *Dementia Care Aware*
- *CA Alzheimer's Disease Centers*
- *Blue Zones*
- *CalGROWS*

**NAPA
Goal 3:
Expand
supports for
people with
ADRD and
their families**

California's efforts:

Services and supports

- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis
- No Wrong Door (MPA 72)
- HCBS Spending Plan
- MPA Aging & Disability Action Planning Grants
- *CAIz Connect*
- *Cal-COMPASS (MPA 43)*

**NAPA
Goal 3:
Expand
supports for
people with
ADRD and
their families**

California's efforts:

Workforce

- *In-Home Supportive Services Career Pathways*
- *CalGrows Direct Care Workforce Initiative*
- *HCBS Spending Plan*

**National Strategy to
Support Family
Caregivers (RAISE) –
Goal 1**

**National Plan to Address
Alzheimer's Disease
(NAPA) – Goals 4 & 6**

RAISE
Goal 1:
Increase
awareness of
and
outreach to
family
caregivers

Outcomes:

- Americans educated about and understand family caregiving.
- Caregiver self-identification and knowledge of services is enhanced.
- Improved outreach to family caregivers.
- Caregivers embedded in federal, state, territorial, tribal, & local planning.
- Public-private partnerships help drive family caregiver recognition & support.

**NAPA
Goal 4:
Enhance
Public
Awareness
and
Engagement**

Strategies:

- Educate the public about Alzheimer's and dementia.
- Work with state, tribal, and local governments on Alzheimer's coordination.
- Coordinate efforts between U.S. and global governments.

NAPA Goal 6:

**Accelerate Action
to Promote
Healthy Aging
and Reduce Risk
Factors for
Alzheimer's
Disease and
Related
Dementias**

Strategies:

- Identify and expand risk reduction research strategies.
- Translate research findings into practice.
- Engage public health strategies to address risk factors of dementia.
- Utilize aging network to expand risk factor reduction interventions.
- Address risk factor inequalities.
- Engage public in risk reduction strategies.

**RAISE Goal 1
+ NAPA
Goals 4 & 6:**

**Public
Health
Focus**

California's efforts - MPA:

- Engaging family caregivers on impacts brought by climate change (MPA 17)
- Promote Age-friendly Health Systems and evidence-based practice (MPA 40)
- Promote language access (MPA 54)
- Address inequalities regarding Alzheimer's risk factors to older adults, people with disabilities and their family caregivers
- *Replicate Healthy Brain Initiative and Blue Zone practices statewide (MPA 44)*

**RAISE Goal 1
+ NAPA
Goals 4 & 6:**

**Public
Health
Focus**

California's efforts:

CDPH Alzheimer's Disease Program

- Developing community engagement and prevention model of care
- *\$10 million (2022) funding Healthy Brain Initiative in 13 counties*
- *\$10 million for a statewide Alzheimer's public awareness campaign*
- *\$2 million for Blue Zone*

**National Strategy to
Support Family
Caregivers (RAISE) –
Goal 4**

RAISE
Goal 4:
Ensure
financial and
workplace
security for
family
caregivers

Outcomes:

- Family caregivers can provide care without negative financial impacts
- Workplaces provide flexible policies that support a caregiving work/life balance.
- Family caregivers have access to financial education & planning tools
- Long-term services and supports help reduce out of pocket costs

RAISE
Goal 4:
Ensure
financial and
workplace
security for
family
caregivers

California's efforts - MPA:

- *Continue to evaluate and develop LTSS options (MPA 18).*
- *Partner with organizations on equity focused tracking of services (MPA 79)*
- *Utilize available LTSS data to understand unmet needs (MPA 81)*

RAISE
Goal 4:
Ensure
financial and
workplace
security for
family
caregivers

California's efforts:

- SB 951 (Durazo) (2021) – increases wage replacement for those on SDI
- AB 1041 (Wicks) (2021) – Expands definition of family for caregiving leave
- SB 1058 (Durazo) (2021) - Requires EDD to collect race and ethnicity data
- *Long Term Care Insurance Task Force - AB 567 (Calderon)*

**National Strategy to
Support Family Family
Caregivers (RAISE) –
Goal 5**

**National Plan to Address
Alzheimer's Disease
(NAPA) – Goal 5**

**RAISE Goal 5:
Expand Data,
Research, and
Evidence-based
Practices to
Support Family
Caregivers (a
prerequisite to the
strategy's success
and should be
among the highest
priority efforts by all
sectors)**

Outcomes

- Establish national infrastructure to support population level data collection.
- Research on programs to support health and well-being of family caregiver and person with ADRD.
- Promote, translate, and disseminate promising and evidence-informed practices.

NAPA Goal 5: Improve Data to Track Progress

Strategies:

- Enhances the Federal Government to track progress.
- Monitors progress on the National Plan.

RAISE Goal 5 & NAPA Goal 5:

**Expand Data,
Research, and
Evidence-based
Practices to
Support Family
Caregivers &
Improve Data to
Track Progress**

California's Efforts:

- Advances 95 new Master Plan for Aging initiatives in 2023-24, building upon the work of the plan's first two years.
- Focuses on delivering the results, analyzing the data, and a renewed commitment to providing equity, language access, and disability access.

RAISE Goal 5 & NAPA Goal 5:

**Expand Data,
Research, and
Evidence-based
Practices to
Support Family
Caregivers &
Improve Data to
Track Progress**

Significance of California's Efforts:

- Placing additional accountability to the existing Data Dashboard for Aging, the Annual Report to the Legislature, the chaptered bill list, and the new online MPA Initiative Tracker.
- Defining up to five “key outcomes” to monitor and measure population-based outcomes longitudinally.

RAISE Goal 5 & NAPA Goal 5:

Expand Data,
Research, and
Evidence-based
Practices to
Support Family
Caregivers &
Improve Data to
Track Progress

California Efforts via MPA:

- Incorporate data into transportation decision-making (MPA 8)
- Data on CalAIM Enhanced Care Management & Community Supports (MPA 21)
- Data-based suicide prevention strategies (MPA 32)
- *Research on LTSS benefit (MPA 18)*

RAISE Goal 5 & NAPA Goal 5:

**Expand Data,
Research, and
Evidence-based
Practices to
Support Family
Caregivers &
Improve Data to
Track Progress**

California Efforts via MPA:

- Use data on long-term COVID-19 to develop supports (MPA 34)
- Promote Cal Long-Term Care Compare site (MPA 50)
- Expand MPA equity-based data (MPA 52)
- Explore common quality and equity metrics (MPA 56)

RAISE Goal 5 & NAPA Goal 5:

Expand Data,
Research, and
Evidence-based
Practices to
Support Family
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California Efforts via MPA:

- Expand Data Dashboard for Aging & develop outcome measures (MPA 76)
- Launch research consortium & collaborative projects (MPA 77)
- State & local action plans to prevent and end homelessness (MPA 87)
- *Utilize data to understand unmet needs of caregivers (MPA 81)*

Opportunities for Additional Action in California

CalAIM – Additional Opportunities

- Include caregiver assessment requirement in Cal-AIM
- Include caregiver-related quality metric in Cal-AIM
- Include caregiver education and support as an additional Community Support under CalAIM
- Share CalAIM data on Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports

CalAIM & Dementia Care Aware (DCA) – Additional Opportunities

- Expand supports through CalAIM and DCA to help health care systems develop tools, trainings and referral systems for all threshold languages and cultures
- Continue to expand DCA trainings & support that address caregiver needs

Data and Awareness – Additional Opportunities

- Fund an **annual** statewide public awareness campaign
- AB 385 (Ta)(Held) - Focus public awareness campaigns on caregivers
- BRFSS data user-friendly & available
- CDPH Alzheimer's report (2022) – Regular updates with more detailed county-level data
- Strengthen data collection related to issues of homelessness among persons with ADRD and caregivers

Collaboration – Additional Opportunities

- Initiate collaborations with state agencies involved in dementia risk reduction issues outside of health care
- Expand HBI to all interested counties
- Explore international research collaborations
- Incorporate RAISE indicators of success into MPA

High Quality Care – Additional Opportunities

- Engage health care settings outside of primary care and educate other providers to increase early detection
- Pursue equity in treatment opportunities
- Increase intensive discharge planning, caregiver assessment & post-visit follow up in emergency departments

Caregiver Support – Additional Opportunities

- Incorporate family caregiving into local planning
- Identify family caregivers in the diagnostic process
- Expand Family Caregiver Protections and Access
 - AB 518 (Wicks) - Designation Expansion
 - AB 524 (Wicks) - Discrimination Protection

Care Costs— Additional Opportunities

- Establish California Voluntary Savings Accounts for Long Term Care
- Develop & launch robust Long-Term Services and Supports Benefit

Committee Questions and Discussion

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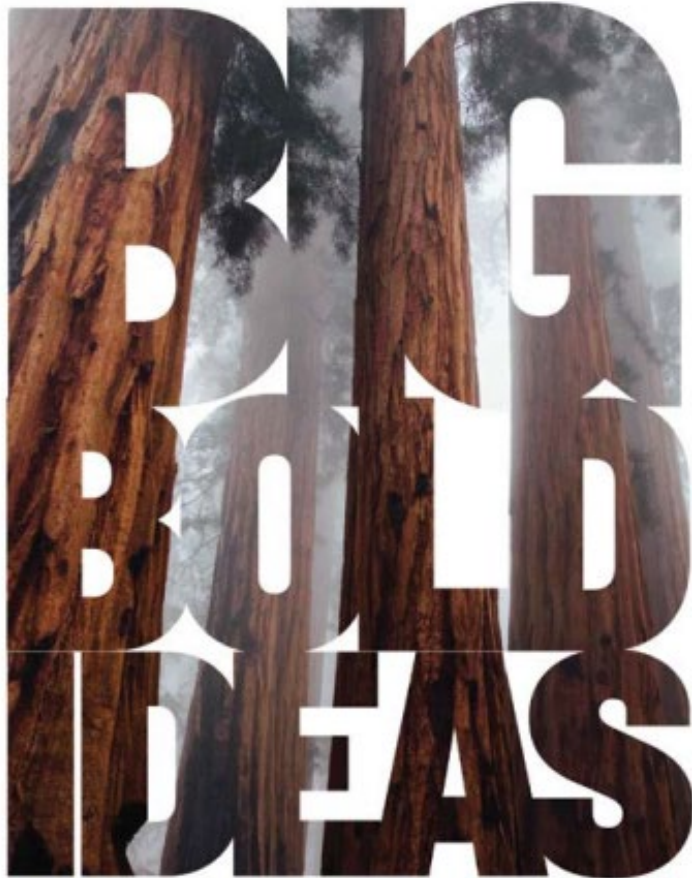
**Alzheimer's Task
Force Report:
Implementation
Update**

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*10 Recommendations for
Alzheimer's Prevention, Preparedness
and the Path Forward*

- 1**
APPOINT A SENIOR
ADVISOR ON ALZHEIMER'S
- 2**
KEEP CALIFORNIA
AT THE FOREFRONT
OF CUTTING-EDGE
GLOBAL RESEARCH
- 3**
CREATE AN ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE PUBLIC
AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
- 4**
BUILD A CALIFORNIA
CARES (DIGITAL PORTAL)
- 5**
ESTABLISH CALIFORNIA
VOLUNTARY SAVINGS
ACCOUNTS FOR
LONG-TERM CARE
- 6**
INVEST IN CAREER
INCENTIVES FOR
ALZHEIMER'S HEALTH
CARE WORKFORCE
- 7**
INTRODUCE A NEW
CAREGIVER TRAINING
AND CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM
- 8**
LAUNCH A CALIFORNIA
BLUE ZONE CITY
CHALLENGE
- 9**
LAUNCH A CALIFORNIANS
FOR ALL CARE
CORP PROGRAM
- 10**
MODEL A STATEWIDE
STANDARD OF CARE TO
THE NATION

Recent Implementation Activities

- Older Adult Behavioral Health
- CA2030 Initiative
- CAIz Connect
- California Community Program for Adult Services and Supports
(Cal-COMPASS)



Recent Implementation Activities

- CalGROWS
- **No Wrong Door**
- Office of the Long-Term Care Patient Representative
- Bridge to Recovery
- Home and Community-Based Services Gap Analysis
- Dementia Care Aware





**Alzheimer's Disease Public
Awareness Media Campaign
Creative Concepts**

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Alzheimer's Disease Program

Media Campaign – Objectives and Key Results

Objectives (March 2023-June 2024)

- 1) Shift public perceptions and reduce social stigma around Alzheimer's disease
- 2) Increase awareness of prevention measures, risk factors, and signs/symptoms of Alzheimer's

Key Results:

Individuals that visit the campaign landing page will be able to:

- 1) Identify the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's
- 2) Understand the risk factors for Alzheimer's
- 3) Access Resources to assist themselves or a loved one with Alzheimer's



CAMPAIGN AUDIENCES



Californians 40+

**Multicultural, Latino,
Black, AANHPI, LGBTQ+
female skew**

Paid + Website + Earned



Californians 65+

**Multicultural, Latino,
Black, AANHPI, LGBTQ+
female skew**

Paid + Website + Earned



**California Caregivers
+ Family Adults 40+**

**Multicultural, Latino,
Black, AANHPI, LGBTQ+**

Website + Earned

Concept 1: When I Hear Alzheimer's

- When people hear the words Alzheimer's, they have immediate reactions: fear, worry, confusion. And as California's population ages, more and more of us will hear those words. But let's not wait for that moment. Instead, we'll discuss Alzheimer's openly and honestly and show how risk reduction and early diagnosis allow us to face Alzheimer's like never before.
- Tone: Empathetic, authentic, empowering. First person perspective.
- Audience: women ages 40 – 70, Black, AANHPI, Latino and LGBTQ+.



Concept 2: This Is What It Takes

- There are many reasons why someone would put off getting an early diagnosis of Alzheimer's: "I'm better off not knowing" or "there's no cure so why know early?" But with early diagnosis comes the ability to plan your best path forward. This campaign centers knowledge as power using simple, factual information that helps people understand the disease and what to look for and plan for. Once you know, you know more.
- Tone: Stylized, empathetic and powerful.
- Audience: women ages 40 – 70, Black, AANHPI, Latino and LGBTQ+.



NEXT STEPS: CREATIVE TESTING

- Four online focus groups conducted among California residents.
- Breakouts will include priority populations: Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, AANHPI, LGBTQ+
- Participants will be screened for a mix of age, geography, and income.
- Each group will view three audience tailored assets from each of the campaigns.
- The next round of focus groups will be conducted soon.





Feedback & Discussion

Break

**The meeting will
resume at
12:40pm**

Legislative Update

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State Legislative Update

Barbra McLendon, Public Policy Director

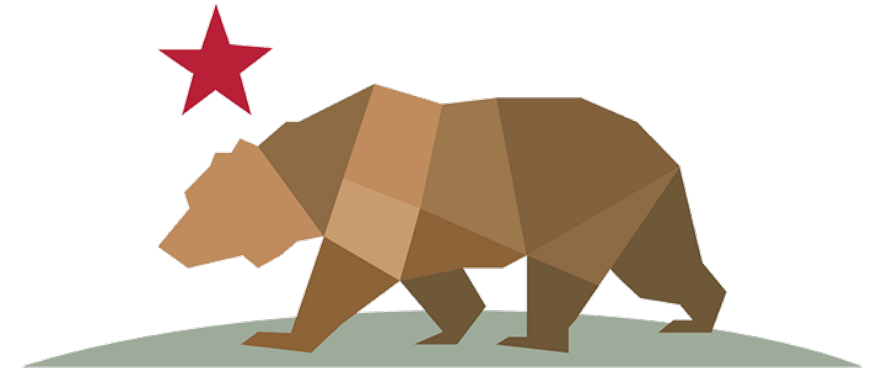
Legislative Update Caregiver Bills



- **AB 518 – Paid Family Leave**
 - Would prohibit employment discrimination on account of family caregiver status, as defined, and would recognize the opportunity to seek, obtain, and hold employment without discrimination because of family caregiver status as a civil right.
 - Passed out of committee; re-referred to Senate Appropriations

Legislative Update

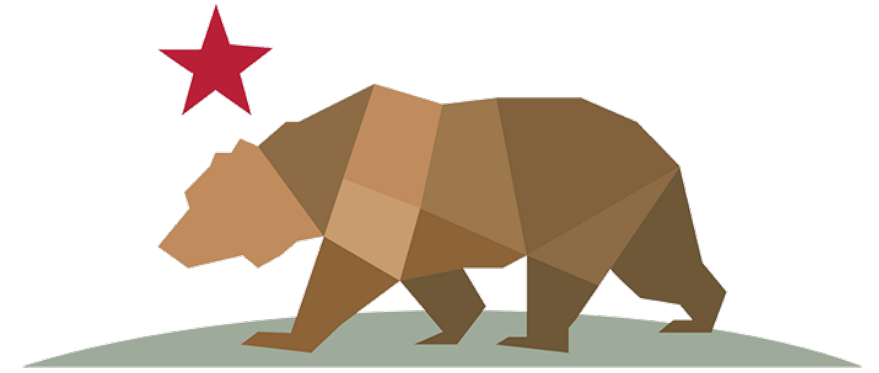
Caregiver Bills



- **AB 524 – Family Caregiver Status**
 - Would expand eligibility for benefits under the paid family leave program to include individuals who take time off work to care for a seriously ill individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.
 - Passed out of Insurance; Re-referred to Senate Appropriations

Legislative Update

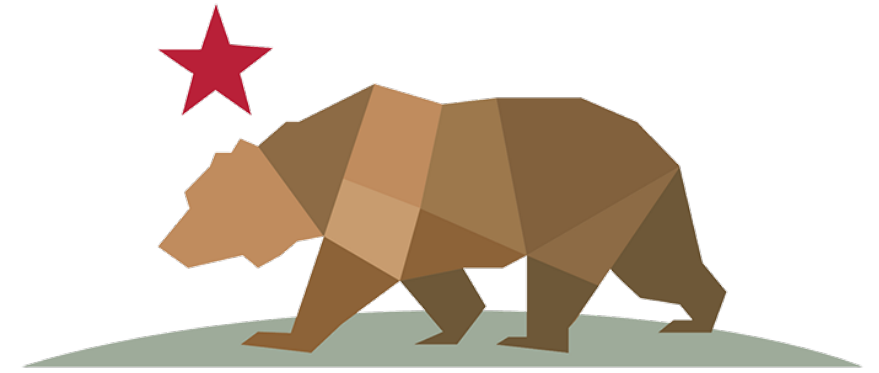
Caregiver Bills



- **SB 616 – Sick Leave Accrual**
 - Expands sick leave accrual from 3 days to 7
 - Re-referred to Assembly Appropriations
- **AB 575- Paid Family Leave- Use of Vacation Time**
 - Would no longer require caregivers to use vacation time before accessing paid family leave benefits. Also deletes the restriction that an individual is not eligible for PFL benefits if another family member is ready, willing, and able and available for the same period of time in a day to provide the required care.
 - Re-referred to Senate Appropriations

Legislative Update

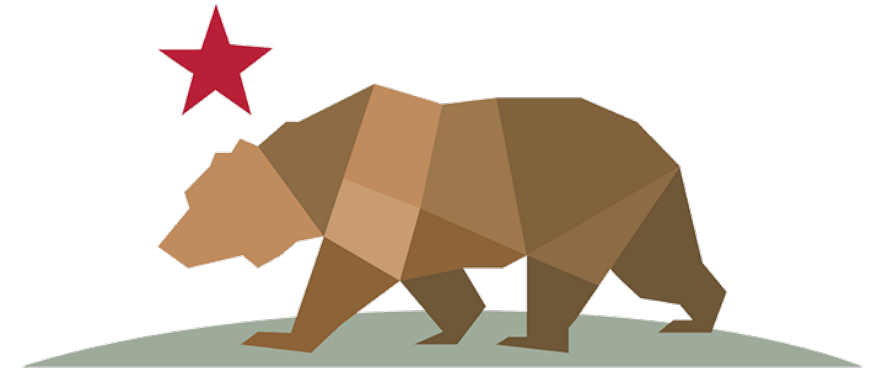
Healthcare Workers



- **SB 525- Healthcare Worker Minimum Wage**
 - Would raise the minimum wage for all healthcare workers to \$25 per hour by June 1, 2025.
 - Defines “covered health care employment” to mean any of the following:
 - All paid work performed on the premises of any covered health care facility, regardless of the identity of the employer.
 - All paid work providing health care services performed for any person that owns, controls, or operates a covered health care facility, regardless of work location.

Legislative Update

Nursing Home Resident Rights

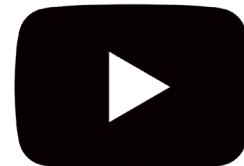
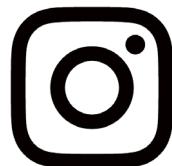


- AB 48 – Adds to patient bill of rights the right to receive information on psychotherapeutic drugs in order consent or refuse drugs
 - Referred to Senate Appropriations suspense file



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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION 2023 STATE POLICY UPDATES

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AB 21 (Gipson) - Held In Appropriations

Dementia Training for Law Enforcement

- Dementia competency included in crisis intervention training for Police Training Officers
- Alzheimer's and dementia specific training required for all officers by 2030
- Costs are being evaluated to account for state deficit
- Next Step
 - Working with POST on certified dementia training



AB 387 (Aguiar-Curry) - Alzheimer's Advisory Committee Updates

Removing Stigmatizing Language &
Conforming Language

AB 1618 grows the Membership to 25
Members (Currently 14)

Removes Term Limits For Members Living
With Alzheimer's

Modifying Language Regarding Caregivers -
Formal/ Family and Paid/ Unpaid

Language Uplifting Diversity

Allows the Secretary of CHHS General
Authority to Appoint Additional Members
(Limited to 25 Total)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS INCLUDE

First Responders

Commission on Aging

Primary Care Physicians

Two Representatives from the Legislature

Adding Local Health Representatives

*Bill is currently in the Senate Appropriations
Suspense File*

SB 639 (Limón) - Alzheimer's Diagnostic Hubs

- SB 639 (Limón) focuses the California Alzheimer's Disease Centers on diagnostic work
- These centers are currently required to provide the following services:
 - Direct Diagnostic Services
 - Research
 - Provide training to individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's
 - Provide training to health professionals
- This bill uplifts the diagnostic work of the sites, and moves Dementia Care Aware into the CADCs
- We plan to pursue funding for the sites next year
- The California Alzheimer's Disease Centers (CADCs) are a statewide network of ten dementia care Centers of Excellence at university medical schools, established by legislation in 1984. These institutions include
 - UC Davis - East Bay
 - UC Davis - Sacramento
 - UC Irvine
 - UC San Diego
 - UC San Francisco - Fresno
 - UC San Francisco
 - UC Los Angeles
 - University of Southern California
 - University of Southern California - Rancho Los Amigos
 - Stanford
- Dementia Care Aware was established by HCBS spending plan and SB 48 (Limón) in 2021

Additional Bills of Note

- Support

- AB 385 (Ta) - Implements an Alzheimer's Public Awareness campaign (ASM Appropriations - HELD)
- AB 786 (Bains) - establish the Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Education and Support Grant Program (Two Year Bill)
- AB 423 (Maienschein) - Establishes a wandering Task Force within the Department of Justice (ASM Appropriations- HELD)
- AB 1313 (Ortega) - Requires the Department of Aging to establish a case management services pilot program in Alameda, Sonoma, and Marin counties (Senate Appropriations Suspense)
- AB 1387 (Ting) -Requires CDSS, by March 1, 2024, to issue a request for proposals for a three-year, grant-based program to support outreach and education to encourage immigrants to become IHSS providers. (ASM Appropriations -HELD)

- Support

- AB 1672 (Haney) - Allow In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers and employers to negotiate their contracts and wages at a State level instead of at the county level. (Senate)
- SB 37 (Caballero) - Creates a program that offers grants to nonprofit community-based organizations, continuums of care, public housing authorities, and area agencies on aging to administer a housing subsidy program for older adults and adults with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness (ASM Appropriations - HELD)
- SB 544 (Laird) - Preserves pandemic related teleconferencing flexibilities for state boards and commissions (ASM Appropriations)

- Watch

- AB 820 (Reyes) - Also revises this committee (Appropriations)

Committee Questions and Discussion

Long-Term Care Facility Access Policy Workgroup

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 22
(12:30p.m.-5:00p.m.)

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: Purpose

Commissioned by the California Legislature, the **Long-Term Care Facility Access (LTCFA) Policy Workgroup** is working to develop recommendations for policies and practices regarding access and visitation to long-term care facilities (LTCFs) during states of emergency, with consideration for the impact that restricted access has on the mental health of residents, families, and friends and on the physical health and safety of residents.

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: Members (1/2)



Organization	Contact
6Beds	George Kutnerian
Alzheimer's Association	Eric Dowdy
The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee	Darrick Lam
California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR)	Tony Chicatel
California Assisted Living Association (CALA)	Heather Harrison
California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF)	DeAnn Walters
California Association of Long-Term Care Medicine (CALTCM)	K.J. Page
California Caregiver Resource Center	Jack Light
California Commission on Aging (CCoA)	Ellen Schmeding
California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO)	Anissa Davis
California Department of Aging (CDA)	Mark Beckley; Brandie Devall
California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	Susan Philip
California Department of Public Health (CDPH)	Cassie Dunham
California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)	Ana Acton
California Department of Social Services (CDSS)	Claire Ramsey

A **roster** listing workgroup members names, organizations, and bios submitted by members is available at aging.ca.gov/Long-Term_Care_Facility_Access_Policy_Workgroup

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: Members (2/2)

Organization	Contact
California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)	Thomas Martin
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)	Dan Okenfuss
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA)	Michelle Dotty Cabrera
County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC)	Jayleen Richards
Disability Rights California (DRC)	Todd Higgins
Foundation Aiding the Elderly (FATE)	Carole Herman
Justice in Aging (JIA)	Eric Carlson
Kern Medical	Norka Quillatupa
LeadingAge California	Amber King
LTCF Resident	Nancy Stevens
LTCF Residents' Friends, Chosen Family, or Loved Ones	Maitely Weismann
LTCF Residents' Friends, Chosen Family, or Loved Ones	Melody A. Taylor Stark
LTCF Residents' Friends, Chosen Family, or Loved Ones	Mercedes Vega
Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (OSLTCO)	Blanca Castro
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)	Tiffany Whiten
State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)	Ken DaRosa

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: The Workgroup's Task



Bringing together diverse perspectives from across the state and building on learnings from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the LTCFA Workgroup is developing recommendations for **access and visitation policies for future states of emergency.**

"The California Department of Aging shall submit the recommendations of the workgroup to **the fiscal and appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.**"

[Bill Text - AB-178 Budget Act of 2022. \(ca.gov\)](#)

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: Scope of Recommendations

In developing recommendations, LTCFA Policy Workgroup members considered the impact of restricted access on the mental health of residents, families, and friends; on the physical health and safety of residents. They also considered a range of the following:

Visitors	Long-Term Care Facilities	Emergencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends • Family • Chosen Family • Health Care Workers Not Employed by an LTCF • Social Services or Other Services Providers • Ombudsmen, Patient Advocates, Surveyors, Regulators, Auditors, and Similar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) • Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) • Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Other Adult Assisted Living Facilities Regulated by CDSS • Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) and Other Senior Assisted Living Facilities Regulated by CDSS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pandemics • Natural Disasters • Bioterrorism Emergencies • Chemical Emergencies • Radiation Emergencies • Other Agents, Diseases, and Threats • Power Surge Failures/Blackouts • Facility Infrastructure Breakdowns

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: Direct Input From Members



Workgroup members have provided direct input about:

- Research, policy guidance, and/or and position papers that the workgroup should weigh in the development of its recommendations.
- LTCF residents and loved ones shared their experience with LTCF visitation generally and/or during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Public Heath was invited to share their perspectives on the key ways that their interests should be protected in future emergencies, and how such interests might impact facility access and visitation.

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: Development of Principles

In June, CDA requested workgroup members' feedback on draft actionable principles to help shape the recommendations. As a result of workgroup member input 7 draft actionable principles were developed related to long-term care facility (LTCF) visitation.

➤ Reviewed meeting transcripts to develop principles



➤ Gathered feedback from workgroup through survey



➤ Reviewed feedback and revised principles



In a survey, workgroup members indicated level of agreement (1-5) for each principle. Submitted feedback was considered during the revision of principles.

The Principles

Principle 1: “LTCF Visitors” are essential to a LTCF resident’s wellbeing and the workgroup recommends that they should be considered essential to the resident’s care.

Principle 2: This workgroup acknowledges that allowing each LTCF to determine appropriate parameters for visitation based on existing federal, state, and local guidance may lead to variation in access, and it recommends that California establish a framework that gives facilities clear standards on how to enable visitation during a state of emergency.

The Principles (continued)

Principle 3: The proposed framework would include residents' access to a timely appeals and grievances process to address scenarios in which visitation standards are not met and to ensure equitable access to visitation.

Principle 4: The proposed framework would establish a right for residents' ability to see a wide range of Visitors during a state of emergency, subject to any parameters established in accordance Principles 5-7.

The Principles (continued)

Principle 5a: This workgroup recommends that Visitors must adhere to the same safety protocols as LTCF staff, although acknowledges that external factors – such as supply issues – may contribute to some variation.

Principle 5b: In any situation where external factors – such as supply issues -- may limit Visitors' ability to follow the same safety protocols as staff, the proposed framework would direct public health officers, LTCF operators, and resident advocates to collaborate on safety protocols for LTCF Visitors during a state of emergency.

The Principles (continued)

Principle 6a: Visitation parameters to account for operational and safety considerations – such as, but not limited to, hours of visitation and number of simultaneous visitors – must not reasonably inhibit a resident’s ability to receive a wide range of visitors and must be transparently communicated to the public.

Principle 6b: In any situation where LTCFs may need to implement visitation parameters to account for safety or operational considerations that may not adhere to Principle 6 for a limited period of time, the proposed framework would direct public health officers, LTCF operators, and resident advocates to collaborate on those parameters.

The Principles (continued)

Principle 7: When compassionate care is needed and acknowledging the importance of Visitors during moments of crisis, the proposed framework would provide guidance to LTCFs on enhanced steps to mitigate operational or safety considerations and enable timely access to Visitors.

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: Workshopping the Principles

Meeting # 3 was spent workshopping the principles with the workgroup.

- Prior to the next meeting the workgroup will be asked to provide written feedback about the actionable principles and recommendations.

The goal for Meeting #4 is to finalize the recommendations from the workgroup for submission to the fiscal and appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

LTCFA Policy Workgroup: Meeting #4 Info.

- Date/Time : August 22 at 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM
- Email: LTCFAPolicyWorkgroup@aging.ca.gov
- Website: [https://aging.ca.gov/Long-Term Care Facility Access Policy Workgroup/](https://aging.ca.gov/Long-Term-Care-Facility-Access-Policy-Workgroup/)

Committee Questions and Discussion

**Finalization of
Recs. &
Items for
CalHSS
Secretary**

Darrick Lam

Committee Vice-Chair

Family Member Representative

Public Comment

- Time is reserved on the meeting agenda for public comment.
- **In-Person Comments:** Raise your hand to enter the line to make a public comment or ask a question.
- **Verbal Comments:** You can “raise your hand” in the Reactions feature of Zoom or press *9 on your phone dial pad to enter the line for a verbal comment or question. The moderator will unmute your line.
- **Written Comments:** You may submit comments and questions throughout the meeting using the **Zoom Q&A.**

**Closing
Comments
and Next
Steps**

Darrick Lam

*Committee Vice-Chair
Family Member Representative*

Upcoming Meeting

- **November 2, 2023**
In-person in
Sacramento with Zoom
option





Thank You!



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