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California 2019 Bills

| Bill # | Author; Sponsors | Description |
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| SB 228 | Jackson; [Gov. Newsom] | Sets out the parameters of the process to develop a Master Plan on Aging for California |
| SB 611 | Caballero, Nazarian, Aguiar-Curry; State Treasurer | Folds into Master Plan elements that respond to population needs in a comprehensive manner which shall include, but not be limited to, policy recommendations that address the housing needs of California's older adults, and people with disabilities. |
| AB 1136 | Nazarian; C4A, State Treasurer | Reconfigures Dept. of Aging and multiple disparate programs serving people with disabilities into new Department of Community Living in order to streamline administrative structure and align planning and implementation of service delivery(companion bill AB 1137) |
| AB 1287 | Nazarian; State Treasurer | Plan and phased implementation of statewide no wrong door system building on ADRCs and using a universal assessment tool (not the same as the CCI tool). |
| AB 1382 | Aguiar-Curry, Nazarian, Sen. Caballero; State Treasurer | Folds into Master Plan strategies to address needs of family caregivers and implementing the recommendations of the California Task Force on Family Caregiving (includes recommendations re paid workforce). |
| AB 683 | Carrillo; JIA | Financial stability for low-income seniors – increases asset limit for Medi-Cal eligibility to align with Medicare Savings Programs. |
| AB 1088 | Wood; JIA | Stop yo-yoing between full-scope and share-of-cost Medi-Cal by taking Medi-Cal payment of the Medicare Part B premium out of Medi-Cal's income-counting rules. |
| AB 1042 | Wood; JIA | Updates and expands home upkeep allowance for seniors and people with disabilities who have short term nursing facility stay so they can maintain their housing. |
| AB 715 | Arambula; JIA | Removes the "senior penalty" by raising the Medi-Cal income eligibility limit for seniors and people with disabilities to 138% of federal poverty level. |
| AB 50 | Kalra | Would require California to renew the Medi-Cal Assisted Living Waiver and increase number of slots from the 5,500 currently authorized to at least 18,500. |
| SB 512 | Pan; CADA | Creates the framework for a new program that would provide Californians with a managed cash benefit to spend on long-term services and supports. |
| AB 388 | Limon; Alzheimer's Association | Funding to prepare for Alzheimer's crisis - implements Healthy Brain Initiative in CA |
| AB 568 | Reyes; CWDA? | Establish California Care Corps via retooling Caregiver Resource Centers. |

California 2019 Budget Requests

| Sponsor | Program/Department | Description |
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| CA4SI | SSI/SSP/Social Services | Restore SSP grants to pre-2009 levels (was \$233/month, now \$160/month) |
| Justice In Aging (JIA) | Medi-Cal | Companion to AB 715, removing senior penalty. |
| California Association of Adult Day Centers (CAADS) | CBAS/Medi-Cal | Restore the 10% rate cut plus add 15% COLA to rate. (Current CBAS rate is \$76.27/day; same as it has been for 10 years.) CBAS is Medi-Cal's Adult Day Health Care benefit. |
| MSSP Site Association (MSA) | MSSP/CDA | \$24.866 million in one-time funding over 3 years for MSSP to build capacity and increase the number of people served at 38 sites throughout California (adding 2,497 slots by year 3). MSSP provides comprehensive case management for nursing home-eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries so they can live in community. |
| California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) | Senior Nutrition/CDA | \$17.5 million in new, ongoing funding for Senior Nutrition to provide nutritious meals to an additional 12,000 older Californians |
| California Long Term Care Ombudsman Association (CLTCOA) | LTC Ombudsman/CDA | \$5.2 million in new, ongoing funding for Local LTC Ombudsman Programs to increase capacity at 35 local programs across California to increase unannounced facility visits and complaint investigations. |
| Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County | Programs administered through California Department of Aging (CDA) | Appropriate \$45.092 million from the General Fund to increase California's investment in aging services in order to build local assistance capacity in Older Californians Act programs administered in CDA. Ongoing, growing to \$48.43 million in FY 2020/21 and \$51.77 million in FY 2021/22. Covers requests for Senior Nutrition, LTC Ombudsman, and MSSP, plus Senior Employment and Supportive Services. |
| Association of California Caregiver Resource Centers (ACCRC) | Caregiver Resource Centers/CDA | \$10 million one-time appropriation over 3 years to modernize and retool statewide system of Caregiver Resource Centers |
| CADA | Social Services Agency | Fund actuarial studies associated with SB 512 – LTC benefit. |