

We Support:

- ◆ The development of the **Michigan Dementia Plan**
- ◆ Affordable, Accessible **Housing**
 - ◇ Passage of SB 184
- ◆ Policies that support **Family Caregivers**
- ◆ The expansion of **Telehealth** benefits
- ◆ **Transportation** options that are affordable and accessible
- ◆ **Age Friendly Communities**



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Platform for Legislative Action



Engage at Every Age

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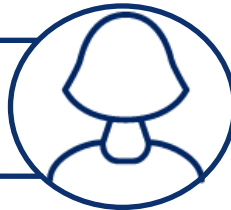
Preserve and Protect MI Choice



Improve access to the MI Choice Medicaid Waiver program. Any changes to Medicaid long-term supports should preserve the role of Area Agencies on Aging and the MI Choice program.

- The MI Choice program serves 15,000 older adults and adults with a disability who need a nursing facility level of care to live independently in their homes.
- Over 3,200 people are on waiting lists for the MI Choice Program.
- The MI Choice program costs \$78.20 per day; that's 58% less than the Medicaid nursing daily rate of \$187 per day.

Support the Direct Care Workforce



Address the shortage of direct care workers who provide long-term care to Michigan seniors by supporting policies that recruit, train, and provide adequate wages. Include direct care workers in MI talent development initiatives.

- Across the state, home care workers have a median income of \$10,000, and nearly 30 percent live in households with incomes below the federal poverty level.

Support AASA In-Home Services



Support the Silver Key Coalition's request for a \$3 million funding increase to support the 6,043 seniors on waiting lists for in-home services provided by the Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA).

- Research shows that seniors who receive in-home services are five times less likely to have been in a nursing home than those who stayed on a wait list.
- AASA in-home services include personal care, homemaking, respite, and home delivered meals.

Investment in services for seniors has cut the wait list for home delivered meals **IN HALF** since 2014!

Prevent Elder Abuse



Support adequate funding for elder abuse prevention programs and policies that aim to prevent physical, psychological, and financial abuse.

- 125,000 Older Michigianians are victims of abuse each year.
- It is estimated that only 10% of elder abuse cases are reported to authorities.