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The link to policy affecting older Iowans

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85th General Assembly Legislative Session 2013 Session Ends — Final Analysis

As reported in the last edition of Aging Watch, the first session of Iowa's 85th General Assembly came to a close on Thursday, May 23. The health and human services appropriations bill was one of the last bills passed.

The Conference Committee Report on [SF 446 \(CCS-446\)](#) captures compromises reached between the two chambers. The bill is over 200 pages and contains appropriations, policy language, and Iowa's health care plan.

A notable difference between the Senate and House versions of SF 446 was that the Senate separated the budget for the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman from the budget for the Iowa Department on Aging. The Conference Committee settled on the Senate version and the budgets for the Iowa Department on Aging and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman are separated into two divisions in [CCS-446](#).

The first division of the bill appropriates funding to the Iowa Department on Aging. The Conference Committee appears to have met in the middle in regards to the Department's budget with an increase of \$970,000 – bringing the total allocation to the Department to \$10,600,379. (If readers are trying to compare this fiscal year and the last, remember that last year's appropriation was a combined budget for the Department and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.) The increase comes from the following additions:

- An increase of \$100,000 to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for a total of \$279,946
- An increase of \$250,000 to address unmet needs
- An increase of \$600,000 to the Area Agencies on Aging to provide home and community-based services to older Iowans (see discussion below)
- An increase of \$20,000 to establish a guardianship and conservatorship monitoring and assistance pilot project in the Sixth Judicial District

The question has been asked whether the \$600,000 allocation is an actual increase that will result in providing additional home and community-based services within the State. The answer is no. The \$600,000 will be used to fill an



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anticipated budget deficit and to maintain status quo home and community-based services. The \$600,000 will not provide additional services, but will preserve those currently being provided.

The second division of [CCS-446](#) appropriates funding to the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Again, the Conference Committee appears to have met in the middle in regards to the budget for the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman with an increase of \$310,000 – bringing the total allocation to the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to \$1,021,707. The increase comes from the following additions:

- An increase of \$200,000 for two additional local long-term care ombudsmen
- An increase of \$110,000 for an additional volunteer long-term care ombudsman and program expenses.

The bill also includes funding for all health and human services agencies at 50% levels for the next fiscal year, FY 2014-15.

In addition to these allocations, the Department on Aging is the subject of some policy portions of the bill. Here are a few of the policy provisions relating to the Department on Aging:

- Elder Abuse – The Iowa Department on Aging is mandated to convene a task force to continue the work of the Elder Abuse Task Force established last session. This Task Force has new duties when compared to last year, including:
 - ◇ Reviewing the 2012 task force report and making any additional recommendations as necessary
 - ◇ Designing a comprehensive approach to elder abuse prevention and intervention and the Office of Substitute Decision Maker
 - ◇ Addressing how to harmonize an elder abuse system with the dependent adult abuse system and other existing systems
 - ◇ Defining “elder abuse”
 - ◇ Making recommendations regarding a single point of contact to report elder abuse and whether the aging and disability resource center should be that point of contact
 - ◇ Addressing financial exploitation
 - ◇ Providing any specific changes in statute or rule that would be necessary to achieve the recommendations

The Task Force is charged with submitting a progress report to a legislative interim committee on October 31, 2013, and a final report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2013.

- Elder Abuse Legislative Interim Committee – The Legislative Council is

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requested to establish a legislative interim committee on elder abuse prevention and intervention to monitor the progress of and provide direction to the Elder Abuse Task Force.

To provide more details regarding the contents of [CCS-446](#), an updated chart is included on the following pages. The chart outlines issues that may be of interest to readers, outlines the Senate and House proposals for each issue, and provides the final outcome reached by the Conference Committee.

There are some notable inclusions and exclusions within the bill. The updated chart should be consulted for a full list of issues. Here are a few that stand out:

Inclusions:

- An increase of \$8.7 million to reduce waiting lists for home and community-based services waivers. Note - This is a greater increase from the original Senate proposal.
- \$300,000 to be used for reimbursement of staff training as direct costs for home and community-based service providers beginning January 1, 2014. Note – This element is new to [CCS-446](#) and was not previously proposed in the House or Senate versions.
- \$250,000 to be used to implement a new mental health advocate division within the Department of Inspections and Appeals. Note – This element is new to [CCS-446](#) and was not previously proposed in the House or Senate versions.
- Up to \$268,712,511 for nursing facility reimbursement. An increase of approximately \$30 million for nursing facility reimbursement. Note - This is a further increase of \$1 million from the original Senate and House proposals. This appropriation applies to FY 2013-14 and should not be confused with the next bullet point, which is a current fiscal year appropriation.
- An increase of \$2 million for current year nursing facility reimbursement. This is a current fiscal year appropriation.
- A 3% increase for reimbursement rates for providers of home and community-based services waiver services.
- Requires that the Departments of Human Services and Inspections and Appeals establish and facilitate a committee to examine options for designating a facility to provide care for persons who are sexually aggressive, combative, or have unmet psychiatric needs. The membership of the committee shall include the Department on Aging and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Exclusions:

- Reinstatement of the Office of Substitute Decision Maker.
- Alzheimer's Response Strategy and funding for a state-level coordination and response strategy.

Did You Know?

The Governor has 30 days from adjournment to sign the bill.

The Governor has the ability to line-item veto in appropriations bills.

If the Governor chooses to use the power of line-item veto, the General Assembly can override it by a two-thirds majority vote during a special session.

Constitution of the State of Iowa—
Article III,
Section 16

- Repeal of 231E.13 – 231E.13 of the Iowa Code states that implementation of the Office of Substitute Decision Maker is subject to the availability of appropriate funding. The Department supported this exclusion.
- Amendments to Miller Trusts that would increase the amount of income or assets that could be used for reasonable and necessary expenses and establish a limit for the average statewide charge for nursing facility residents.
- Mandates that the Elder Abuse Task Force determine whether to provide specialized elder abuse units in police departments, the Attorney General's Office, prosecutor's offices and other sectors and determine whether to develop specialized elder abuse courts.

What happens next to [CCS-446](#)? The budget bill has been sent to the Governor for signing. The Governor has 30 days from adjournment to sign the bill due to the fact that it was submitted during or after the final three days of session. The Governor has the ability to line-item veto in appropriations bills. If the Governor chooses to use the power of line-item veto, the General Assembly can override a line-item veto by a two-thirds majority vote during a special session.



File photo: Governor Branstad has yet to sign CCS-446 and CCS-452.

Sections of HHS Budget Bill Impactful to Older and Disabled Iowans

Topic	Notes	Senate	House	CCS 446
Iowa Department on Aging – This is the total allocation for the Iowa Department on Aging for FY 2013/2014. This includes appropriations for the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.	Both bills begin with base status quo appropriation of \$10,342,086	\$14,152,732 (Base status quo appropriation plus additions below)	\$10,442,086 (Base status quo appropriation plus additions below)	\$11,622,086 (Base status quo appropriation plus additions below)
FTE Appropriations – Iowa Department on Aging	Both bills begin with base amount of FTEs - 35	44 (Increase of 9 FTEs – 3 for OSDM , 5 for SLTCO, and 1 for certified volunteer long-term care ombudsman)	35 (No increase)	41
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) – This allocation shall be used for the RSVP Program housed at the Economic Development Authority. Any increase in this line item does not denote an increase to the Department budget. The Department serves as a pass-through.	\$179,946 base allocation	\$279,946 (\$100,000 increase)	\$279,946 (\$100,000 increase)	\$279,946
Unmet Needs – This allocation shall be used to fund services to meet the unmet needs of older individuals to be appropriated from the Department funds.	\$0 base allocation	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Home and Community-Based Services – This allocation shall be used to fund home and community-based services through the Area Agencies on Aging; will restore deficit to status quo.	\$0 base allocation	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
Office of Substitute Decision Maker – This allocation shall be used to administer the Office of Substitute Decision Maker on a statewide basis to be appropriated from the Department funds.	\$0 base allocation	\$2,210,646	\$0	\$0

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Guardianship / Conservatorship Monitoring Project – This allocation shall be used for implementation of a guardianship and conservatorship monitoring and assistance pilot project exclusively in the 6 th Judicial District; to be appropriated from Department funds.	\$0 base allocation	\$40,000	\$0	\$20,000
Local Long-Term Care Ombudsman – This is the total allocation for the addition of local long-term care ombudsmen; to be appropriated from the OSLTCO funds.	\$0 base allocation	\$500,000	\$0	\$200,000
Volunteer Long-Term Care Ombudsman – This is the total allocation to provide volunteer long-term care ombudsmen (VLTCO) to be appropriated from the OSLTCO funds. Currently there is allocation for one VLTCO.	\$100,000 base allocation	\$210,000 (Increase of \$110,000)	\$100,000	\$210,000
Alzheimer's Response Strategy – This allocation shall be used to fund the state comprehensive Alzheimer's disease response strategy. See SF 269.		\$139,719	\$0	\$0
Direct Care Worker Advisory Council – This allocation shall be used to continue the work of the Council.		\$206,750	\$222,025 (The Advisory Council shall be eliminated effective June 30, 2013)	\$175,900
Independent Statewide Direct Care Worker Association – This allocation shall be provided to an independent statewide direct care worker association under continuation of the contract with the Department of Public Health.		\$207,750	\$0	\$178,875
Direct Care Worker Activities – This allocation shall be used to provide scholarships or other forms of subsidization for direct care worker educational conferences, training, or outreach activities.		\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000

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Topic	Notes	Senate	House	CCS 446
Direct Care Worker Professional Board – Up to the amount of this allocation shall be used for the direct care professionals board.		\$300,000	\$0	\$0
Healthy Aging – This allocation shall be used by the Department of Public Health to provide public health services that reduce risks and invest in promoting and protecting good health over the course of a lifetime with a priority given to older Iowans and vulnerable populations.		\$7,927,142	\$7,297,142	\$7,297,142
Medical Assistance – This allocation shall be used by the Department of Human Services for medical assistance reimbursement and associated costs. This is the total medical assistance allocation that includes many functions, including HCBS waivers and nursing facilities.		\$1,292,985,748	\$1,126,206,162	\$1,143,810,311
Personal Needs Allowance – Allows for a sufficient amount to be allocated to supplement the incomes of residents of facilities with incomes of less than \$50 in the amount necessary for the residents to receive a personal needs allowance of \$50 per month.		"Sufficient amount"	"Sufficient Amt". Also includes the following language: The department shall increase the personal needs allowance for residents by the same percentage and at the same time as federal supplemental income and federal social security benefits are increased due to a recognized increase in the cost of living.	"Sufficient amount"
HCBS Waiting Lists – This allocation shall be used to implement reductions in the waiting lists of all medical assistance home and community-based services waivers.		\$7,041,689	Unable to locate similar language	\$8,715,473
MHDS Redesign and BIPP – Up to \$400,000 may be used to support the MHDS redesign, the state balancing incentive payments program planning and implementation activities.		Up to \$400,000	Up to \$400,000	Up to \$400,000

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Topic	Notes	Senate	House	CCS 446
Standardized Assessment Tools – Up to \$3,000,000 may be used for general administration or medical contracts to be used to support the development and implementation of standardized assessment tools for persons with mental illness, an intellectual disability, and developmental disability, or a brain injury.		Up to \$3,000,000	Up to \$3,000,000	Up to \$3,000,000
Staff Training —\$300,000 shall be used for reimbursement of staff training as direct costs for home and community-based services providers beginning January 1, 2014.		Unable to locate similar language	Unable to locate similar language	\$300,000
Mental Health Advocate Division —\$250,000 is transferred to the Department of Inspections and Appeals to be used to implement a new mental health advocate division.		Unable to locate similar language	Unable to locate similar language	\$250,000
Nursing Facility Reimbursement – Mandates that the state funding for the nursing facility budget shall not exceed \$267,712,511. This increases the cap by around \$30,000,000 compared to last year. Total nursing facility budget expenditures shall not exceed this amount and cost methodologies may be adjusted to maintain state funding within this range.		Up to \$267,712,511	Up to \$267,712,511	Up to \$268,712,511
Non-Institutional Reimbursement – All non-institutional reimbursement rates shall be increased.		1.5% Increase	Unable to locate similar language	1% increase
HCBS Reimbursement – Reimbursement rates for providers of home and community-based services waiver services shall be the limits in effect on June 30, 2013, increased by 3%.		3% Increase	Remain at current rate	3% increase

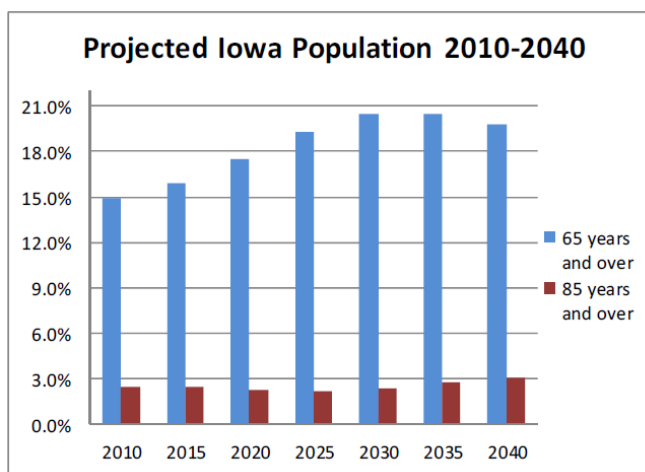
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Topic	Notes	Senate	House	CCS 446
Nursing Facility Budget for Current Fiscal Year – For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the total state funding amount for the nursing facility budget shall be increased by \$2,000,000.		\$2,000,000 Increase	\$2,000,000 Increase	\$2,000,000 Increase
Functional Assessments – The DHS shall require that persons receiving services under the medical assistance program receive a functional assessment utilizing the supports intensity scale tool.		Included	Included	Included
Targeted Case Management Reimbursement Methodology – The DHS shall develop new reimbursement methodology for medical assistance targeted case management that applies appropriate cost limits.		Included	Included	Included
IPERS Inclusion for Area Agencies on Aging – Allows an employee of an area agency on aging that was enrolled in an alternative qualified plan to remain in that alternative qualified plan.		Included	Included	Included
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Fees – Allows that penalty fees generated pursuant to section 231.42(7) shall be deposited into the general fund and appropriated to the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.		Included	Included	Included
Repeal of 231E.13 – Repeals 231E.13, which states that the Office of Substitute Decision Maker does not have to be implemented without adequate funding.		Included	Not Included	Not Included
Elder Abuse Task Force – Mandates that the Department continue the work of the elder abuse task force and mandates specific duties of the task force.		Included	Not Included	Included

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Elder Abuse Interim Committee – Requests that the Legislative Council establish a legislative interim committee on elder abuse prevention and intervention to monitor the progress of and provide direction to the elder abuse task force.		Included	Not Included	Included
Guardianship/Conservatorship Pilot Project – Requires the Department to collaborate with the National Health Law Policy Resource Center at the University of Iowa College of Law to establish a three-year guardianship/conservatorship monitoring project.		Included	Not Included	Included
Amendments to Miller Trusts – Increases the amount of income or assets that can be used for reasonable and necessary expenses from \$10 to \$25 per month and establishes a limit of 125% of the average statewide charge for nursing facility residents as the total monthly income for a trust beneficiary.		Included	Not Included	Not Included
Alzheimer's Coordination and Strategy – Creates the state comprehensive Alzheimer's disease response strategy. See SF 269.		Included	Not Included	Not Included
Elderly Persons with Aggressive or Psychiatric Behaviors – Requires the Departments of Human Services and Inspections and Appeals to create a committee to examine options for designating a facility to provide care for elderly persons who are sexually aggressive, combative, or have unmet geropsychiatric needs.		Included	Not Included	Included

The chart to the right is excerpted from *Older Iowans: 2013*, a document prepared by the State Data Center and the Department on Aging. The entire report is on the Department website .
[Older Iowans : 2013](#)



Standings Bill

It was reported in the May 18 edition of *Aging Watch* that [SF 452](#) (a.k.a. Standings Bill) was on the list of bills monitored by the Department due to a specific amendment requiring that Iowa's Area Agencies on Aging be designated to serve as Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

The Conference Committee appointed to negotiate [SF 452](#) reached agreement in the final days of session. The final language that emerged from [CCS-452](#) in regards to Aging and Disability Resource Centers is the following: "The department shall designate ~~participating entities~~ area agencies on aging to establish, in consultation with other stakeholders including organizations representing the disability community, a coordinated system...."

Other notable inclusions within [CCS-452](#) include:

- A provision mandating that the Department of Human Services adopt rules to provide that the reasonable costs of staff training incurred by providers of home and community-based services under the medical assistance program are reimbursable as direct costs.
- A provision mandating that the Administrative Rules Review Committee consider the scope, impact, and long-term consequences of legislation requiring delegations of authority to state agencies be construed narrowly.

A notable exclusion within [CCS-452](#) is removal of language that would fund annual pay adjustments, expense reimbursements, and related benefits for state agencies and state agency employees. Funding for these expenses was included in a prior version of SF 452, but it did not survive to the Conference Committee Report. The language funding pay adjustments and benefits would have provided funding to the Department to pay the expenses associated with pay increases.

[CCS-452](#) is considered an appropriations bill and is subject to the same enactment rules and veto authority that apply to SF 446 – health and human services appropriations bills.

Commission on Aging

Sanctioned by the Iowa Code, the Iowa Commission on Aging is charged with serving as a visible advocate for older Iowans by establishing policies for reviewing and commenting upon all state plans, budgets, and policies which affect older Iowans. The Commission meets at least four times each year.

There are 11 members, 7 of whom are appointed by the Governor. At least 4 of the 7 must be 55 years of age or older, and no more than 4 can belong to the same political party. The 4 remaining members are Senators or Representatives appointed by their chamber of the legislature to serve as non-voting members.

Director Harvey Welcomes New Members to the Iowa Commission on Aging

Director Harvey welcomed three new members to the Commission on Aging at the regular meeting on April 26. They are Quentin Hart, Willard Jenkins and Neil Wubben. The new members join Chair Betty Grandquist, Carole Dunkin, Jill Bjerke, and Richard Stone along with non-voting members Senator Bill Dotzler, Senator David Johnson, Representative Mary Gaskill and Representative Mark Brandenburg. We would like to introduce the new members to our readership.

Quentin Hart

Quentin Hart, of Waterloo, is serving his second term as a Waterloo City Councilman. Commissioner Hart is the Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs at Hawkeye Community College and is also the Director and Founder of *From the Heart* – a volunteer housing project that works to improve homes for residents that are either older, low-income or a person of disability.

Hart is involved in many other community activities including Social Action Inc., the MLK Advisory Board, NAACP, African American Leadership Coalition, the Carl Perkins Educational Task Force, and the United Way Board.

Commissioner Hart received his MAE in Postsecondary Education from University of Northern Iowa (UNI) and received a BA in Sociology from Minnesota State University (MSU.) He is currently a doctoral candidate through Iowa State University.

Hart, and his wife, Cassandra (a 2007 Gold Star Award Teacher) are parents of two sons, Quentin Jr. and Quenden; and one daughter, Halayah.



G. Willard Jenkins

Willard Jenkins, of Waterloo, is a former State Representative who served five terms in the Iowa House, retiring from the Legislature in 2006. Jenkins retired in 1993 after a 35-year career as an engineer and product planner for John Deere Company. In 2003, he was initiated into the Academy of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineers.

Commissioner Jenkins plays an active role in his community and continues to serve through his work on the Western Home Communities Board, the Iowa Parks Foundation, the Cedar Valley Chamber Legislative Liaison Committee and the Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) Board of Directors.

Jenkins received his MBA from the University of Iowa and his BS in Mechanical



Engineering from Missouri University of Science & Technology. He also took two years of language at Volkshochschule, Heidelberg, Germany.

Jenkins, and his wife, Kay (a 1992 Iowa Volunteer of the Year award recipient) are parents of three sons, Mike, Ross and Dave and one daughter, Julie. The couple also enjoys being grandparents to their twelve grandchildren.

Neil Wubben

Neil Wubben, of Osage, served as Mitchell County Extension Education Director from 1985 until his retirement in 2010. Wubben also served many years with the beef show and was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame in 2012.

A graduate of Iowa State University, he obtained both his baccalaureate degree and Master's degree in Science Agricultural Education and a Master's degree in Agronomy.

In addition to serving as a new commission member, Neil serves on both the Elderbridge Area Agency on Aging and Older Iowans Legislature (OIL) boards.

Commissioner Wubben, who is still very active in many local Iowa State University Extension Programs, is also a member of the Osage School Board, a Bridges Mentor and active in the Prairie Lakes Church. He is a life Member of the Marine Corps League and American Legion and serves as Chair for the Mitchell County Habitat for Humanity organization.

Wubben, and his wife, Karen (a daycare provider), are parents of three sons, Scott, Wade and Martin. The couple also enjoys being grandparents to their nine grandchildren.



With Gratitude, We Say Goodbye to Retiring Commissioners Bevers and Ernst

Judy Bevers

Judy Bevers, of Gillette Grove, served two years on the Commission on Aging. In 2010 Bevers was appointed to the Commission by Governor Terry Branstad.

Having been a caregiver herself, Judy brought expertise to the Commission as she advocated for older Iowans and their caregivers.

Bevers stated that she was proud to serve on the Commission and that she believes that "supportive services help keep our older citizens and those disabled living in their own homes and thriving in their communities and that is the main goal of the Commission on Aging."



Thank you, Judy, for your dedicated service to the Iowa Commission on Aging and older and disabled Iowans.

Dan Ernst

Dan Ernst, of Dubuque, served eight years on the Commission on Aging. For seven years he served as the Chair of the Commission. Ernst was first appointed to the Commission by former Governor Tom Vilsack, and reappointed by Governor Terry Branstad.



Ernst describes his two terms on the Commission as challenging and rewarding. Dan cites that the legislative mandate leading to the reorganization of the area agencies on aging as one of the most challenging times for the Commission. As a result of the hard work and dedication of leaders like Dan, the Commission determined six new service areas with new area agencies on aging named to coincide with the new planning and services areas. Ernst stated, "The redesign was hard to go through, but the results benefit all Iowans who do, or may, need supportive services to live independently. The key to successful aging is keeping older Iowans and Iowans with disabilities in their own homes and connected to their communities whenever possible."

Dan stated that he is also proud that his activities on the Commission included "work to preserve a sense of innovative and independent thinking on the part of the Department's employees."

Thank you, Dan, for your dedicated service to the Iowa Commission on Aging and older and disabled Iowans.

Carrying Out the Federal Mission

The Iowa Department on Aging is charged with serving as an effective and visible advocate for older individuals by reviewing and commenting upon budgets and policies which affect older individuals at both the state and federal levels. Advocacy is mandated by the Older Americans Act.



The Department monitors and comments upon federal budgets and policies in several ways. One way the Department fulfills this mandate is through communication and discussion with Iowa's Congressional Delegation.

On April 23, 2013, Iowa Department on Aging Policy Coordinator Kim Murphy met with staff in Washington DC representing each member of Iowa's Congressional Delegation. Kim discussed services provided to Iowa's aging populations, the status of the reorganization of Iowa's Area Agencies on Aging, and state trends and initiatives.

Kim's work will continue through the summer, providing recommendations to

Iowa's Congressional Delegation is comprised of members of the United State House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Iowa's Congressional Delegation consists of Senators Grassley and Harkin, and Congressmen Braley, King, Latham, and Loeb sack.

Nomination
Deadline for the
Betty Grandquist
Lifetime
Achievement
Award:

August 30, 2013

Iowa's Congressional Delegation regarding reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. These recommendations have become increasingly relevant in light of recent activities in Congress.

On May 23, Senator Sanders of Vermont introduced legislation to reauthorize the Older Americans Act. The Department is in the process of analyzing this legislation and will keep readers updated regarding the contents of this bill, the status of reauthorization, and any momentum that reauthorization may be gaining in Washington D.C.

Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award

The Iowa Department on Aging is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award was established in 2009 to recognize Iowans who have dedicated a part of their life to achieving excellence in the field of healthy aging and have promoted the wellbeing and independence of older Iowans and/or Iowans with a disability. The award may also recognize Iowans who have made a significant professional contribution to the fields of aging or disability. Details are contained on the home page of the Iowa Department on Aging website, iowaaging.gov.

Dates of importance:

- Deadline for nominations August 30, 2013
- Presentation of Award October 14, 2013
(as part of the Prospects for Independent Living Conference)

Public Comment

Remember, you may provide comments on aging issues at any time of the year by contacting the Iowa Department on Aging or an Iowa Commission on Aging board member.

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Future Issues of AgingWatch

The Iowa Department on Aging will not be publishing AgingWatch on a weekly basis post-session. Once the Governor has made final decisions related to legislation currently pending, the Department will issue final coverage of the 2013 session. In the interim, AgingWatch will be publishing on a monthly basis, or more frequently as issues and events warrant.





Prospects for Independent Living
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