Healthy Aging Programs and the Affordable Care Act

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What’s At Stake

- Congress plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by February
- Previous bills rescinded money from the unobligated Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF)
- Eliminates $1 billion annually, including:
  - $5 million for Falls Prevention
  - $8 million for Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME)
- Unclear if repeal will affect FY17 or FY18 funding
Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF)

- Created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Nation’s largest single investment in prevention
- Purpose: to provide expanded and sustained national investments in prevention and public health, to improve health outcomes, and to enhance health care quality
- FY17 funding: $931 million
- Funds a range of evidence-based activities, e.g., diabetes, heart disease and stroke prevention, immunization, smoking cessation, **Chronic Disease Self-Management ($8 million)** and falls prevention ($5 million)
Since 2012, the PPHF has funded...

- **CDSME**
  - 37 state and community-based CDSME grantees
  - 5 tribal CDSME grantees
  - Reaching **170,000 older adults** with another **36,000 older adults** targeted through 2018

- **Falls Prevention**
  - 24 state and community-based falls prevention grantees
  - 8 tribal falls prevention grantees
  - Reaching over **30,000 older adults** with another **32,000 older adults** targeted through 2018
Repeal of the ACA and PPHF would mean…

- An estimated **50,000 older Americans** per year would not receive the many benefits these programs provide:
  - Better self-assessed health and quality of life
  - Fewer sick days
  - More physical activity
  - Less depression
  - Improved symptom management
  - Improved self efficacy
  - Reduction in falls and fall-related injuries and fall risk factors
  - Health care savings
    - Reduction in hospitalizations
    - Reduction in emergency room visits
    - Reduction of nursing home stays
Timing – Best Current Estimates

- **Mid-January**: Senate, then House vote on FY17 Budget Resolution
- **Late January**: House Committee markups and floor vote on reconciliation bill
- **Early-Mid February**: Senate reconciliation vote
- **Goal is Congress approval by February 17**
- **April**: Finalizing FY17 appropriations
- **April – September**: FY18 appropriations
Messages

- Don’t repeal the ACA without a detailed replacement proposal in the same package
- Do no harm to Americans receiving ACA benefits
- Don’t repeal the PPHF and funding for falls prevention and CDSME
- Describe effects of loss of funding to your state
  - Use data & stories to detail the need
  - Share successes of ACL grant(s) or plans to compete for grant funding
Key Congressional Targets

Focus on 6 states’ members of Congress

- **ARIZONA**
  - Sen. McCain
  - Sen. Flake

- **IOWA**
  - Sen. Grassley

- **MAINE**
  - Sen. Collins – Appropriations Committee member
Key Congressional Targets

- MISSOURI
  - Sen. Blunt – Appropriations Subcommittee Chair

- OKLAHOMA
  - Sen. Lankford – Appropriations Committee member
  - Rep. Cole – Appropriations Subcommittee Chair

- TENNESSEE
  - Sen. Alexander – Appropriations Committee member
  - Sen. Corker
Possible House Energy and Commerce Committee Amendment

Republican Members of Energy and Commerce Committee

Greg Walden (Oregon - 02) – Chairman
Mimi Walters (California - 45)
Gus Bilirakis (Florida - 12)
Buddy Carter (Georgia - 01)
John Shimkus (Illinois - 15)
Adam Kinzinger (Illinois - 16)
Susan Brooks (Indiana - 05)
Larry Bucshon (Indiana - 08)
Mike Pompeo (Kansas - 04)
Brett Guthrie (Kentucky - 02)
Steve Scalise (Louisiana - 01)
Fred Upton (Michigan - 06)
Tim Walberg (Michigan - 07)
Gregg Harper (Mississippi - 03)
Billy Long (Missouri - 07)
Leonard Lance (New Jersey - 07)
Chris Collins (New York - 27)
Richard Hudson (North Carolina - 08)
Kevin Cramer (North Dakota - 00)
Robert Latta (Ohio - 05)
Bill Johnson (Ohio - 06)
Markwayne Mullin (Oklahoma - 02)
Ryan Costello (Pennsylvania - 06)
Tim Murphy (Pennsylvania - 18)
Marsha Blackburn (Tennessee - 07)
Joe Barton (Texas - 06)
Bill Flores (Texas - 17)
Pete Olson (Texas - 22)
Michael Burgess (Texas - 26)
Morgan Griffith (Virginia - 09)
Cathy McMorris Rodgers (Washington - 05)
David McKinley (West Virginia - 01)
Local Advocacy Activities

- Email Congress using the NCOA Action Alert
- Organize statewide advocacy with group letters to Congress
- Educate your members of Congress or their local staff with meetings and materials
- Engage social media and traditional media
- Mobilize advocacy by others by promoting PPHF blog post and advocacy news sign-up
- Email advocacy@ncoa.org if you know of Republican members who support falls prevention or CDSME
NCOA CDSME and Falls Materials Available

- State-specific CDSME infographics
- State-specific falls prevention infographics
- CDSME grantee profiles
- Falls prevention grantee profiles
- Falls prevention coalition descriptions
  (click Falls Prevention Coalitions and navigate to your state)
- State falls prevention data profiles
  (click Falls Prevention Coalitions and navigate to your state)

We can work with you on developing other materials as needed. Contact Marissa Whitehouse at Marissa.whitehouse@ncoa.org for assistance.
Other Resources

- NCOA Straight Talk blog post on the PPHF
- Advocacy one-pager on PPHF and CDSME and Falls Prevention
- Trust for America’s Health Backgrounder on the PPHF
Future Budget Debates

- **March:** Focus turns to FY17 and FY18 funding after ACA debate over
- **Mid-to late April:** FY17 appropriations finalized before April 28
- **May?:** Administration’s FY18 budget request
Future Budget Debates

- **April through July:** FY18 appropriations hearings, markups (Labor-HHS-Education bill funding ACL and CDC usually last)
- **September:** Finalize appropriations before FY18 begins October 1
- **June through December:** Second reconciliation bill with tax, possible Medicare, Medicaid cuts
Questions?

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