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Please see the below summary of legislation signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker relating to Illinois' aging population and/or the Department on Aging.

**House Bill 780 – P.A. 103-0411**

House Bill 780 is the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - Will County Pilot. Requires IDoA to develop and administer a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Pilot Program in Will County beginning January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2027.

**House Bill 1117 – P.A. 103-0114**

House Bill 1117 amends the Hospice Program Licensing Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health's standards for hospices owning or operating hospice residences shall address the number of persons who may be served in a hospice residence, which shall not exceed 24 (rather than 20) persons per location. Provides that the number of licensed hospice residences shall not exceed 16 (rather than 5) located in counties meeting specified population requirements

**House Bill 1156 – P.A. 103-0119**

House Bill 1156 amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the Life Care Facilities Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and the ID/DD Community Care Act. Provides that establishments or facilities licensed under the Acts shall post on the home page of the licensed establishment's or facility's website specified information about the Department on Aging's Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

**House Bill 2076 – P.A. 103-0139**

House Bill 2076 requires the Department of Public Health to identify and publish a list of distressed nursing facilities quarterly.

**House Bill 2188 – P.A. 103-0145**

House Bill 2188 transfers the responsibilities of the Illinois Medicaid Fraud Control Unit from the Illinois State Police to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

**House Bill 2831 – P.A. 103-0269**

House Bill 2831 creates the Illinois Interagency Task Force on Homelessness. Includes the Director or his/her designee to sit on the task force.

**House Bill 2858 – P.A. 103-0329**

House Bill 2858 amends the Adult Protective Services Act and the Illinois Act on the Aging. It excludes from the definition of "mandated reporter" the State Long Term Care Ombudsman and the Ombudsman's representatives or volunteers when such persons are prohibited from making a report under a federal regulation. In provisions concerning the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, expands the definition of "access" to mean the right to inspect and copy (rather than inspect). Provides that any person may report information about the suspicious death of an eligible adult to an agency designated to receive such reports or to the Department on Aging. Contains provisions concerning the required testimony of a mandated reporter at an administrative hearing concerning the suspicious death of an eligible adult; the referral of evidence to the appropriate law enforcement exploitation; and other matters. Makes changes to the definitions of "abuse", "abuser", and "mandated reporter". Defines "investment advisor".

**House Bill 3733 – P.A.103-0201**

House Bill 3733 makes several minor changes to existing labor law to allow employees to receive personnel documentation electronically and other related changes.

**Senate Bill 216 – P.A.103-0064**

Senate Bill 216 amends the Guardianship and Advocacy Act. Provides that the guardianship training program shall include content regarding Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Amends the Probate Act of 1975. Requires a public guardian to complete a one-hour course on Alzheimer's disease and dementia within 6 months of appointment and annually thereafter.

**Senate Bill 250 – P.A.103-0006**

Senate Bill 250 contains the FY23 state budget. This includes Effective July 1, 2023, subject to federal approval, the Department on Aging shall reimburse Care Coordination Units at the following rates for case management services: \$252.40 for each initial assessment; \$366.40 for each initial assessment with translation; \$229.68 for each redetermination assessment; \$313.68 for each redetermination assessment with translation; \$200.00 for each completed application for medical assistance benefits; \$132.26 for each face-to-face, choices-for-care screening; \$168.26 for each face-to-face, choices-for-care screening with translation; \$124.56 for each 6-month, face-to-face visit; \$132.00 for each MCO participant eligibility determination; and \$157.00 for each MCO participant eligibility determination with translation.

**Senate Bill 1298 – P.A. 102-1020**

Senate Bill 1298 is the 2023 Medicaid Omnibus legislation. This package includes numerous provisions including an increase to the nursing home support rate. Subject to federal approval, beginning on January 1, 2024, rates for adult day services shall be increased to \$16.84 per hour and rates for each way transportation services for adult day services shall be increased to \$12.44 per unit transportation. Includes increases to Community Care Program home care rates from \$26.92 to \$28.64 beginning July 1, 2023, which would provide sufficient funds to increase the minimum wage for CCP home care workers to \$17 an hour. Also includes increases for ventilator care add-on for nursing homes from \$208 per day to \$481 per day, and an increase to the personal needs allowance at nursing homes from \$30 to \$60

**Senate Bill 1814 – P.A.103-0231**

Senate Bill 1814 amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act. Requires the Governor to establish an Assisted Living and Shared Housing Advisory Board with specified voting and nonvoting members. Provides that the Advisory Board shall be provided copies of any additions or changes to the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Establishment Code for review and comment prior to notice being given to the public. The Director of Aging is included to sit on this board and serve as a Vice-Chair and Ex-Officio Member.

**Senate Bill 1892 – P.A.103-0241**

Senate Bill 1892 amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that public transportation benefits provided to a person with a disability by the Regional Transportation Authority or the Service Boards shall automatically renew unless discontinued by the person with a disability. Provides that benefits provided may not be suspended or discontinued pending a reevaluation of eligibility for those benefits.

**Senate Bill 1913 – P.A.103-0243**

Senate Bill 1913 requires Medicaid coverage, whether through fee-for-service or managed care, of mental health and substance use disorder treatment or services delivered as behavioral telehealth services. Such services shall be reimbursed on the same basis as in-person encounters.

**Senate Bill 2271 – P.A. 103-0257**

Senate Bill 2271 allows a professional license for a Home Nursing Agency to be valid for 240 (rather than 120) days. Removes the single license fee for multiple licenses and increases the fee for each single-home health agency license or renewal to \$1,500.

**Senate Bill 2322 – P.A.103-0261**

Senate Bill 2322 Allows a resident in a healthcare facility to designate an individual to serve as an “Essential Support Person” who will have access to that resident despite other visitation restriction imposed on the public. Defines certain conditions, makes other changes.