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SUBJECT: Legislative Wrap-Up: 2022 Spring Session

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 246 – P.A. 102-1035

House Bill 246 is the nursing home rate reform legislation that was agreed upon by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, industry stakeholders and members of the General Assembly. This critical measure drives \$700 million into Medicaid-funded nursing homes, which includes funds for increasing staffing levels, annual wage increases for CNAs and more.

House Bill 900 – P.A. 102-0698

House Bill 900 contains the FY23 state budget. This includes \$14 million for Home-Delivered Meals, \$14 million toward rate increases for in-home care service providers and \$4 million for family caregiver services.

House Bill 4343 – P.A. 102-1037

House Bill 4343 is the 2022 Medicaid Omnibus legislation. This package includes numerous provisions including a CNA intern program to help meet health care workforce staffing needs, plans to streamline enrollment in the Medicare Savings Program, ex parte redeterminations for older adults and those with disabilities and more.

House Bill 5186 – P.A. 102-1071

This legislation is the Budgeting for Results Commissions' general mandates omnibus bill. Provisions in the measure include the repeal of an outdated bi-monthly reporting requirement on the Department's Community Care Program reforms as outlined in P.A. 98-0008.

House Bill 5304 – P.A. 102-0807

House Bill 5304 lowers the fee of discounted vehicle registration for eligible seniors and adults with disabilities from \$24 to \$10.

Senate Bill 702 – P.A. 102-0986

This measure creates the Senior Housing Residents' Advisory Council, which will be administered by the Department. The Council aims to connect older adults with resources in their community, look for ways to prevent isolation and how to make housing options more accessible and livable.

Senate Bill 1405 – P.A. 102-0989

Senate Bill 1405 helps prevent the isolation of individuals in health care and long-term care facilities by requiring such facilities to ensure the opportunity for residents or patients to have at least one visitor during public health emergencies.

Senate Bill 3490 – P.A. 102-0885

This legislation is an initiative of Equality Illinois, AARP, Pride Action Tank and other stakeholders. The bill includes several exciting updates for the LGBTQ Older Adult community, including the creation of the Illinois Commission on LGBTQ Aging, an LGBTQ Older Adult Advocate within the Department and a training and curriculum requirement for Department staff, as well as entities that contract with or receive funding from the Department.

Senate Bill 3707 – P.A. 102-1020

Senate Bill 3707 is an important initiative of the Alzheimer's Association. The Department worked with the Alzheimer's Association on this measure that will require Community Care Program providers to complete an annual training on dementia patients.