

## **The following Bills were discussed at the Resident and Family Support council Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

### **2022 Spring Session Summary Illinois General Assembly**

#### **[House Bill 246 \(Moeller/Gillespie\) – Passed both chambers](#)**

- 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 \(Welch/Sims\) – Passed both chambers](#)**

- 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 4700 is the BIMP.](#)

#### **[House Bill 4343 \(Harris/Gillespie\) – Passed both chambers](#)**

- 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.

#### **[Senate Bill 1405 \(McConchie/Bos\) – Passed both chambers](#)**

- 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 1633 \(Villa/Mason\) – Passed both chambers](#)**

- This measure states that long-term care facility residents have the right to be treated with courtesy and respect for their individuality by employees or persons providing medical services or care. This legislation also helps ensure that residents have their human and civil rights maintained in all aspects of medical care and makes it easier for residents and their families to connect with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman by requiring information on the program to be on the homepage of each facility's website.

#### **[Senate Bill 3490 \(Collins/Villa\) – Passed both chambers](#)**

- 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 (Fine/Hernandez) – Passed both chambers**

- 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.

#### **Senate Bill 4024 (Villa/Hirschauer) – Passed both chambers**

- Senate Bill 4024 removes a requirement for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman’s Consumer Choice webpage to be labeled “Resident’s Right to Know.” This clarification will help individuals and families looking for long-term care options to more easily find the Consumer Choice search tool, which can assist in finding a facility that meets each person’s unique care needs.