

Policy Priorities and Action Strategies for NH Alliance for Healthy Aging

2018 - 2023 Long-Term Advocacy Policy Priorities

- Establish a permanent statewide entity on aging that crosses all state agencies
- Ensure adequate and sustainable funding to support and promote healthy aging in NH
- Strengthen the focus on aging within the NH Department of Health and Human Services
- Ensure availability of a stable workforce of direct care workers
- Make New Hampshire communities more age-friendly
- Establish NH AHA as a trusted and knowledgeable resource on policy issues related to aging
- Build on the NH AHA's role as a watchdog on key legislation and policy and marshal people and resources to react to upcoming issues

2019 Short-Term Advocacy Policy Priorities

- Secure state budget increases for Medicaid home and community based providers
- Pursue legislation to address non-monetary workforce challenges in providing long-term care (i.e., improve background check system, education and training, etc.)
- Advocate for a Governor's Commission on Aging to plan for and address all aspects of aging
- Support enhancements of financial exploitation/vulnerable adult protective order policy
- Support *Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy* in its efforts to pass a paid family and medical leave act
- Support passage of bills identified by AHA member organizations that align with AHA's long-term policy priorities

Together we can use creative solutions and engagement opportunities to create communities where we can all thrive as we age!

5 Actionable Ways to Engage with NH AHA

- 1 Join AHA Advocacy workgroup to inform and shape policy
- 2 Join AHA Advocacy listserv to be contacted for:
 - A Testifying at a legislative hearing in Concord
 - B Calling or writing your legislators
 - C Elevate important messages on aging over social media
- 3 Write a letter to your local newspaper
- 4 Organize local meetings with lawmakers and constituents
- 5 Share your story with local media outlets

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