



WASHINGTON UPDATE

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Happy Holidays from Benjamin Rose

Thank you for your support of our advocacy efforts throughout 2016.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to advance support for older adults and caregivers in the coming year!

Senior Market Program

Kudos to our partners at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, whose Senior Market Program was recently recognized by the US Conference of Mayors as an exemplary program addressing hunger.

Read the article at cleveland.com

Contact Us

We welcome your feedback! Please share questions, suggestions or concerns.

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Congressional Update

Congress Passes Second Short-Term Funding Bill

On December 9, the Senate joined the House in passing a second short-term funding bill, a Continuing Resolution (CR), which ensures that federal programs will be funded at current levels through April 28, 2017. December 9 was the deadline for both chambers to pass this bill, as the first CR was to expire that night. That would have triggered a government shutdown.

Though a full-year funding bill with increases for aging programs is preferred, there are certain benefits to passing a CR, including averting the elimination of funding for the State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP) and a cut in the Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP), both of which were proposed in an earlier Senate bill.

This ends the 115th Congress, which is now in recess. The new Congress will be sworn in on January 3 and the new President is sworn in on January 20, 2017.

President-Elect Trump Makes Key Nominations

Recently, President-elect Trump has made nominations for several key aging-related positions in his Cabinet. This includes Rep. Tom Price to be the new Secretary of Health and Human Services, Andrew Puzder to be the new Secretary of Labor and Seema Verma to be the new Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Efforts will be made to have some of these confirmation hearings before the inauguration.