



WASHINGTON UPDATE

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FY 2018 Funding Update

The federal government is currently under another continuing resolution (CR) which funds the federal government and federal programs through Thursday, February 8, 2018 at FY 2017 levels. When this CR was passed, it also reauthorized the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for six years. Congress must now either reach an agreement on final FY 2018 funding levels or pass another CR by February 8.

For reference, these are the FY 2017 funding levels that programs are operating under right now:

Program	FY17 Final
OAA Title IIIB HCBS	\$250.2 million
OAA Congregate	\$450 million
OAA Home-Delivered	\$227 million
NSIP	\$160 million
OAA Nutrition Total	\$837.7 million
OAA Title V SCSEP	\$400 million
OAA VI Native Americans Nutrition	\$31.2 million
Elder Justice Initiative	\$10 million
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	\$715 million
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$3.06 billion
Social Services Block Grant	\$1.7 billion
SHIP (Medicare Assistors)	\$47.1 million
Senior Corps	\$202.1 million
Section 202 Housing	\$502.4 million
SNAP	\$78.4 billion
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	\$235.1 million
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	\$18.5 million

What Are Your Thoughts on the OAA?

The Older Americans Act (OAA) doesn’t get reauthorized until 2019 - but that’s only just over a year away! The Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging and NANASP are starting to collect thoughts about what the OAA should look like in its next version. **To submit your ideas, visit www.benrose.org/KPI.**

If you need a refresher on what’s currently in the Act, visit www.acl.gov.

Advocacy Alert: Support the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program

Enacted in 2005 with strong bipartisan support, Money Follows the Person (MFP) is one of the longest-running and most successful Medicaid demonstrations. It helps states transition older adults and individuals with disabilities from nursing homes back to their homes and communities. It also allows states to make it easier for individuals to access home and community-based services (HCBS). More than 75,000 older adults and individuals with disabilities have been assisted in the past 12 years.

Senators Portman (R-OH) and Cantwell (D-WA) have introduced the EMPOWER Care Act (S. 2227) to extend MFP for five years and make minor improvements. This week, we're joining other advocates in mobilizing support by asking Senators to cosponsor the bill and pass it immediately.

What can you do?

This week: Email Congress with the NCOA or ADAPT alerts. (If you're an Ohioan, make sure to thank Sen. Portman for sponsoring in your email!)

Thursday February 1: Join the national call-in day to #FundMFP. (If you're an Ohioan, make sure to thank Sen. Portman for sponsoring in your call!)

Friday February 2: Join the #FundMFP social media day

For more information on the EMPOWER Care Act, visit congress.gov and enter S. 2227 in the search bar at the top of the page.

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