

# RI HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGING + SENIOR SERVICES

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# Who is the Long Term Care Coordinating Council?



Pre-Covid



Virtual Meetings

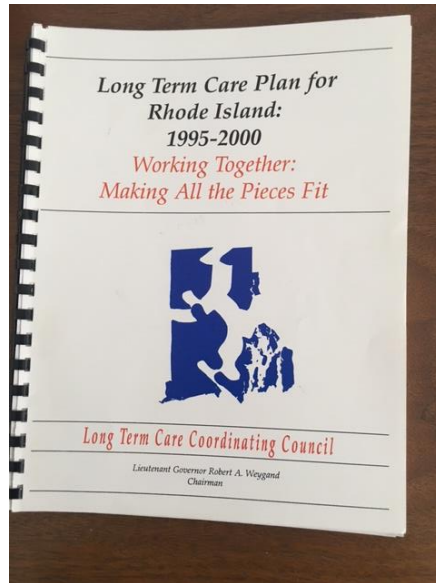
- A 33-member group created by state law in 1987 to develop and coordinate a system of health care and social supports for older Rhode Islanders and persons with disabilities who need long term supports and services. Members include legislators, state agency representatives, long term service providers, health care workers, community agencies and advocates.
- Recommends and promotes policies, legislation and funding. Examples: state LTC ombudsman + home care client rights laws, funding for caregiver supports/respite, rebalance LTC spending, home/community service expansion, criminal Background checks for long term care workers, enhanced Information, Referral and Assessments.

# WHAT IS LONG TERM CARE or LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

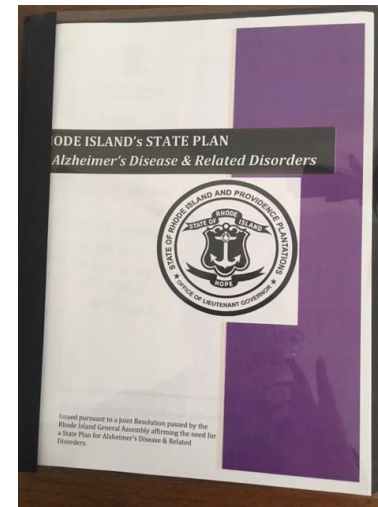


- **Long Term Care** is any type of help that someone receives over a long period of time to allow them to eat, walk, bathe, get dressed, move about their home, and perform other necessary daily tasks
- **Long-term services and supports** encompasses the broad range of paid and unpaid medical and personal care assistance that people may need – for several weeks, months, or years – when they experience difficulty completing self-care tasks as a result of aging, chronic illness, or disability.
- **ADL's – Activities of Daily Living** to include eating, bathing, getting dressed, mobility, toileting, continence
- **IADL's – Instrumental Activities of Daily Living** such as managing finances, handling transportation, shopping, preparing meals, using the telephone or other communication devices, managing medications, doing laundry, housework, and basic home maintenance

# LTCCC Plans + Reports



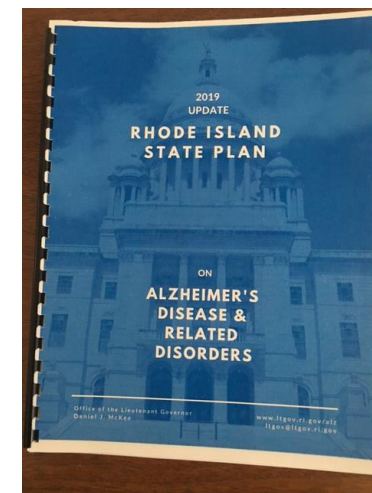
Long Term Care State Plan  
1995-2005  
Some Objectives still being pursued.



1<sup>st</sup>  
Alzheimer State Plan  
2013



Aging in Community Report + Strategic Plan  
2016



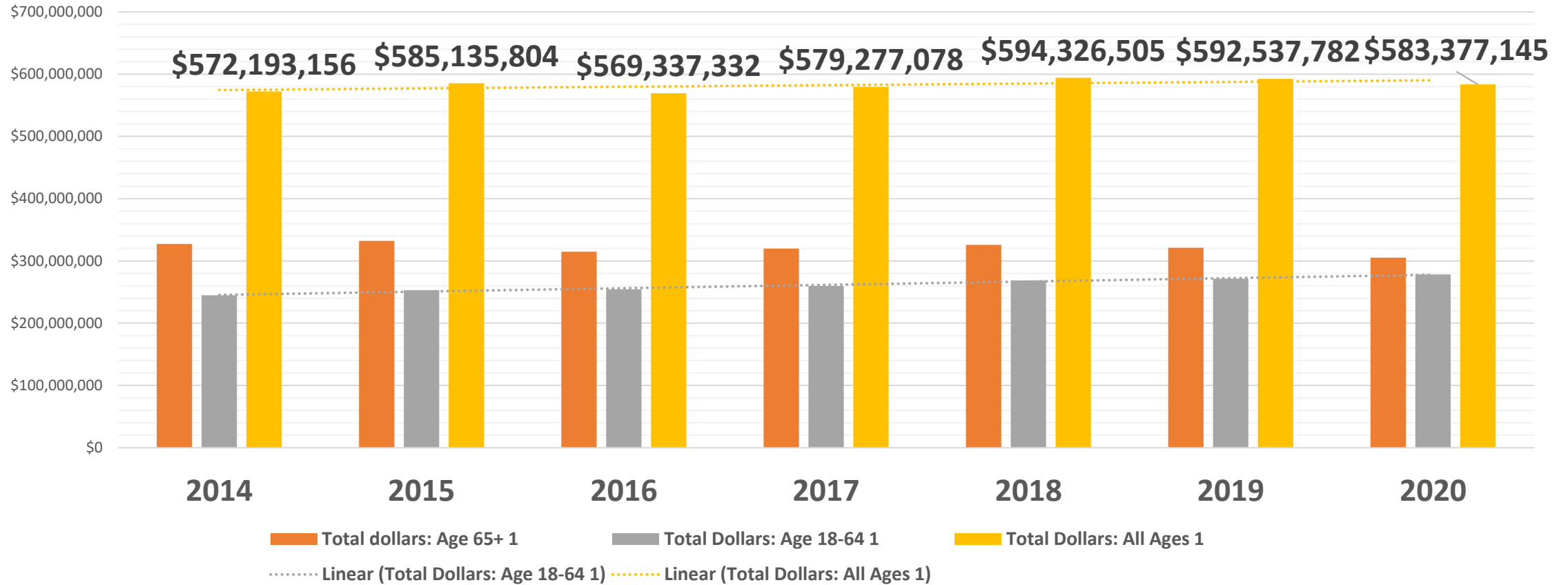
2<sup>nd</sup>  
Alzheimer's State Plan  
2019

# RI Long Term Services & Supports

<b>Eleanor Slater Hospital patients</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>DD Licensed Service Providers</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Nursing Facilities</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>Shared Living Programs</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Nursing Facility Beds</b>	<b>8940</b>	<b>Shared Living Participants</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Assisted Living Residences</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>PCAs-Personal Choice Program</b>	<b>672</b>
<b>Assisted Living Units</b>	<b>4820</b>	<b>Persons Served</b>	<b>575</b>
<b>Adult Day Programs</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Independent Providers certified</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Home Nursing Care Providers</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>PACE participants</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>Home Care Providers</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Home Delivered Meals (MOW) daily meals delivered</b>	<b>1343</b>
<b>Unpaid Family/Friend Caregivers : 136,000 caregivers; 114 Million Hours; \$1.8Billion Valued</b>			

# LTSS Performance Report

## LTSS EXPENDITURES

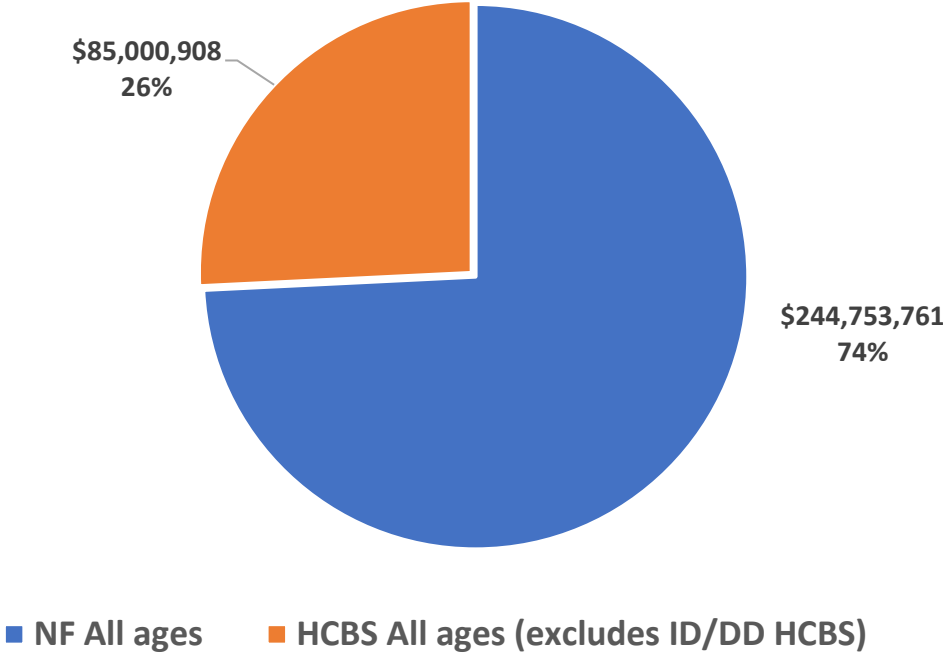


Source: [https://eohhs.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur226/files/2021-04/LTSS\\_Performance\\_Report\\_2020-2021.pdf](https://eohhs.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur226/files/2021-04/LTSS_Performance_Report_2020-2021.pdf)

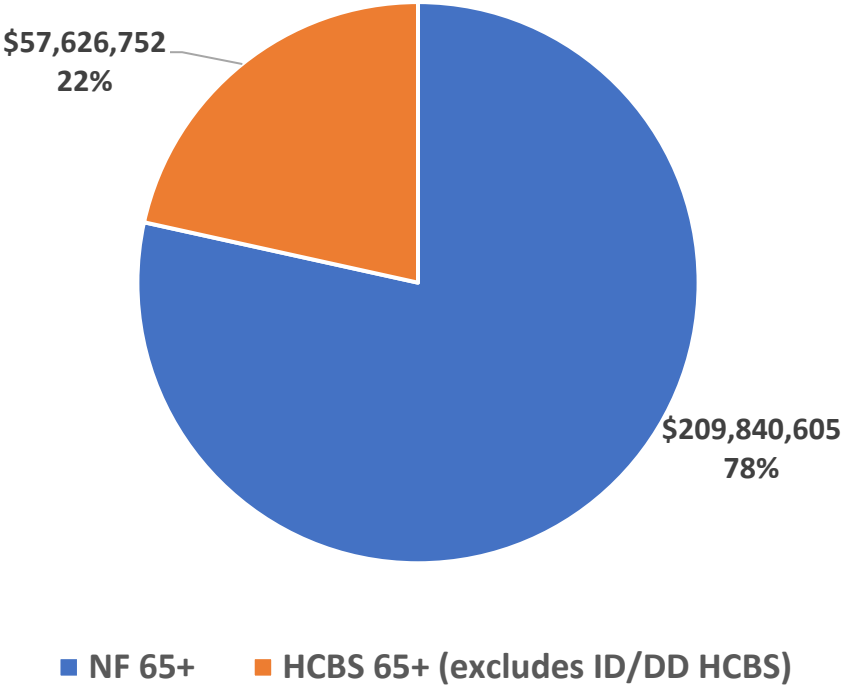


# Nursing Facility & Home/Community Spending

**FY2020 NF + HCBS Spending - All Ages**  
Total: \$329,754,669

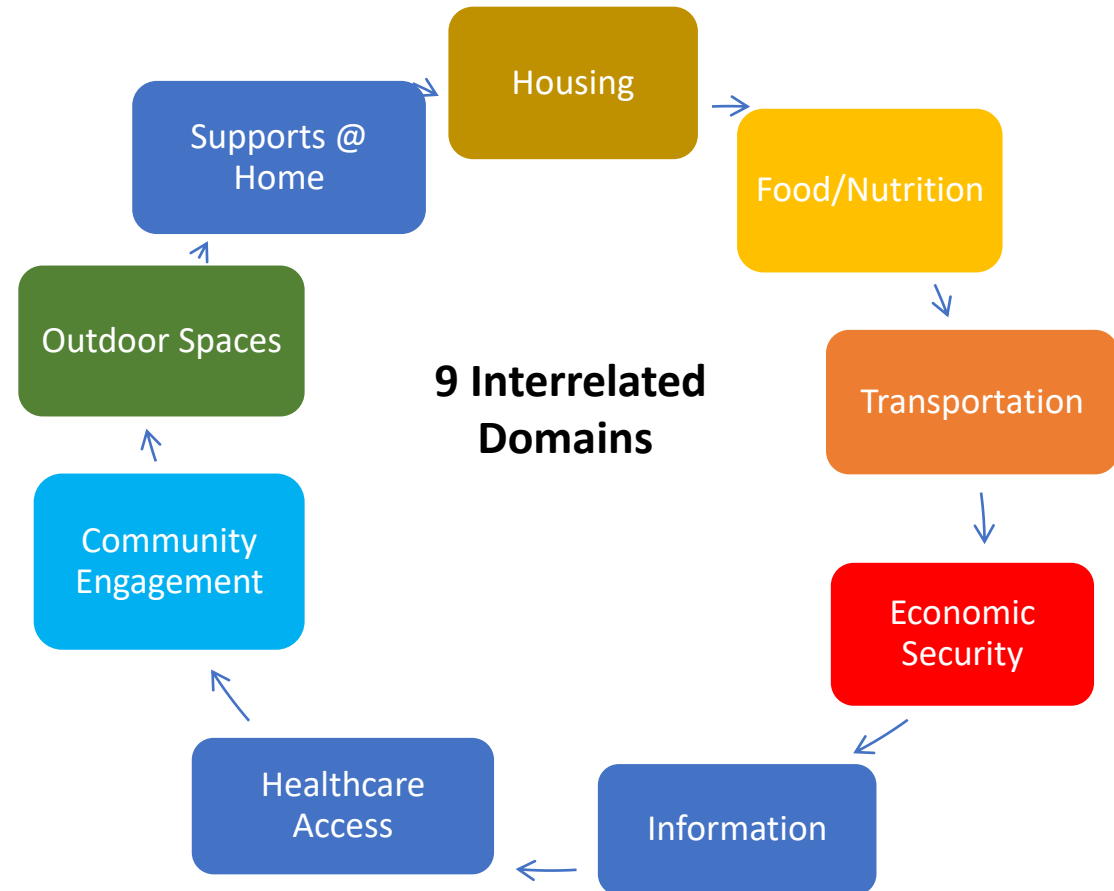
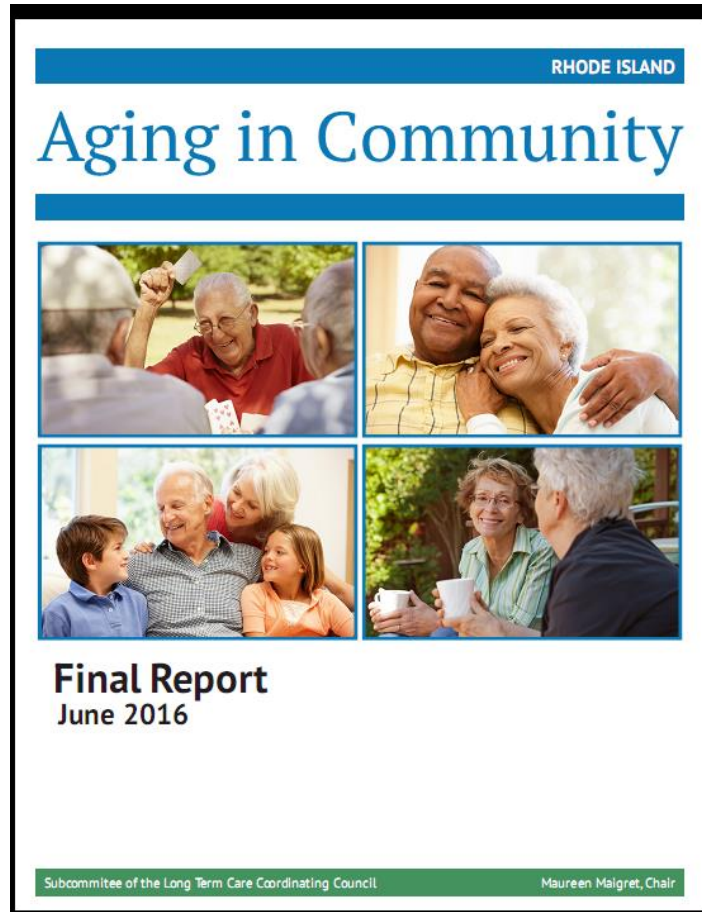


**NF & HCBS Spending Ages 65+**  
Total: \$267,467,357



# AGING IN COMMUNITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Created by 2014 Legislation



<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Reports/AiC%20Full%20Final%20Report%206.13.16.pdf>



# Aging in Community Strategic Plan

## Accomplishments

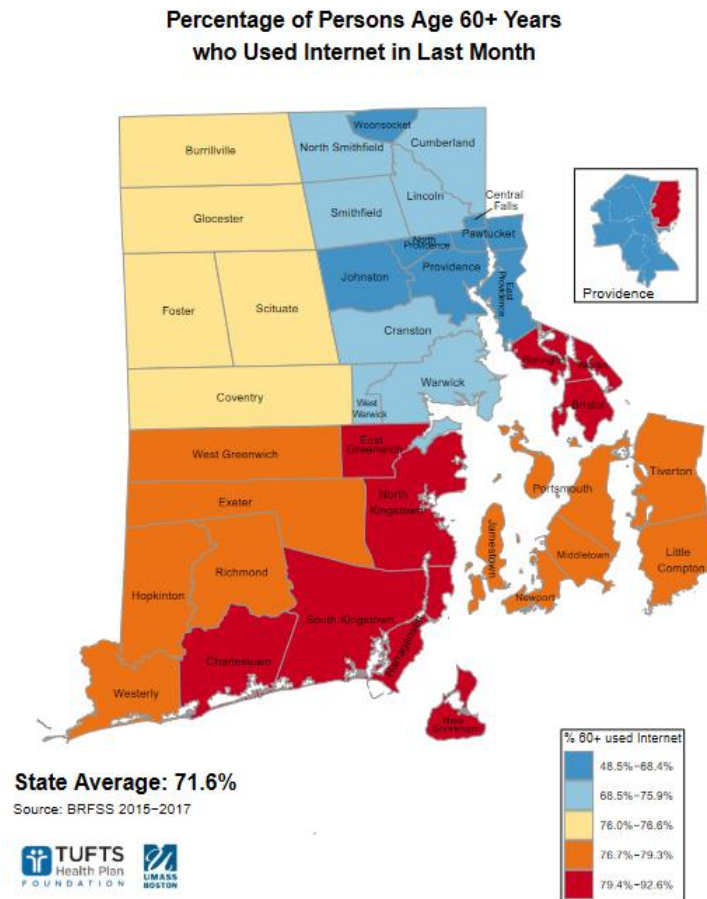
- 9 Domains
- 74 Recommended Strategic Actions
  - 38 Actions ➡ Completed (51%)
  - 20 Actions ➡ Work in Progress (27%)
  - (78%) ➡ Completed or in Progress
  - Many More Related Activities
- Community Senior grants restored, NoFare bus passes restored, Respite funds restored, Office of Healthy Aging/POINT website, URI Cyber Seniors Intergenerational program, Food delivery programs, Elder Basic Needs Research, Geriatric Workforce Program



Strategic Plan @: <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Reports/Building%20an%20Age-Friendly%20Community.pdf>

# Community Engagement Digital Equity

- Example of Using Healthy Aging Data Report



Bridging the Digital Divide for Older Adults/PWD

# AGING IN COMMUNITY SUBCOMMITTEE

## Continued Advocacy for Strategic Actions for Elder Economic Security

- **Address Economic Insecurity of Many Low-Income Older Adults/PWD**
  - Expand Office of Healthy Aging @Home Cost Share Program  
\$842,137 in Gov. McKee budget for this program expansion; H5115 by Rep. Solomon + S162 by Sen. Felag will increase income eligibility to 250% FPL and extends to under age 65 with dementia.
  - Increase eligibility for Medicare Savings Program which pays for Part B (\$148.50/month) – many older adults face \$5,000-\$6,000 in out of pocket costs.  
H5542 by Rep. Ajello and S481 by Sen. Cano. Would extend eligibility to 185%FPL and remove asset limits.
  - Raise income eligibility for Medicaid for persons age 65+ and those with disabilities to 133%FPL to be equitable with Expansion populations. H5790 by Tanzsi and S492 by Cano.
  - H5681 by Rep. Ruggiero and S480 by Sen. Coyne. Increases maximum credit for state Property Tax Relief program to \$750 and expands eligibility to persons with income up to \$40,000. Program not modified since 2006.
- **Workforce Issues**
  - Need to set Living Wage for Direct Care Staff across LTSS providers to assist persons needing help to remain at home -- \$15/Hour. S271 by Sen. DiPalma