



Advisory Committee on Aging

Managing Director's Report

March 23, 2022

Federal Legislative Activity - Part 1

➤ House “Build Back Better” Reconciliation package

- \$1.2 Billion in Older Americans Act (OAA) increases (similar to CARES Act amounts)
 - Eliminates non-federal match in ARPA for OAA
 - Medicaid HCBS Waivers - \$150 billion over 10 years
 - Elder justice infrastructure
 - Social isolation grants
 - Medicare hearing benefit
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- Next step: Still awaiting Senate consideration

Federal Legislative Activity - Part 2

- Federal FY 22 (began October 1, 2021)
 - Appropriations passed
 - President's budget and House versions of FY 22 appropriations have slight OAA increases (far less than anticipated)

State legislative activity - Part 1



The infographic features a background image of an elderly person's hands being held by a younger person's hands. The text is overlaid on this image. The main title 'CO-AGE 2022 ISSUES' is in large white letters. Below it, 'WAIT LIST NUMBERS ON THE RISE' is in white, followed by 'CO-AGE HAS THE ANSWERS' in teal. To the right, a vertical list of five issues is presented in white text on dark red rectangular backgrounds. At the bottom center is the GCOA logo, which consists of three interlocking circles in red.

CO-AGE 2022 ISSUES

WAIT LIST
NUMBERS
ON THE RISE
CO-AGE HAS THE ANSWERS

- FUNDING FOR
IN-HOME CARE
- FUNDING FOR
LTCO AWARENESS
- ALLOW MEDICAID IN
ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES
- THE GEORGIA
CAREGIVERS ACT
- EXPAND NURSING
HOME OPTIONS

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State legislative activity - Part 2

➤ FY22 supplemental appropriations

- Includes state match for American Rescue Plan (ARPA)
- Also includes additional state match to partially cover AAA and local provider match - great news!
- Expect ARPA grants this spring: \$13 million for ARC region (over 2+ years)

State legislative activity - Part 2

➤ FY23 - House version

- \$4 million - increased home and community-based services funds
- \$1.5 million - dementia care specialist in each AAA



ARC Office Reintegration

- Committee meetings in person
 - Need a sufficient # present in person for a quorum
 - Virtual participation limited
 - Participate as a member of the public only
 - Exceptions: travel out of the region, physicians note
- Office open Mon-Thurs; Friday all staff work remotely

Georgia State Plan on Aging FY 24-27

➤ Virtual public hearings for ARC:

- May 26
- June 1

➤ More details to closer to that time



Live Beyond Expectations Regional Strategic Plan Framework

2020-2025



Helping people live longer, healthier lives in the Atlanta region

New Live Beyond Expectations Video

➤ [Video](#)