



CO-AGE 2022 Issues

July 28, 2021

CO-AGE: Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly

- YOU are a voting participant as an ACA member
- VOTE by July 31
- Look for email from Eric Ryan, Georgia Council on Aging, with voting instructions
- For more information: <https://www.gcoa.org/potential-2022-coagepriorities>

Budget Issue

Vote for 1:

- Issue A: Raise Public Awareness of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
 - Funding would allow a Public Relations firm to create a public awareness campaign for LTCO.

- Perennial issue:
 - Home and community-based services



Legislative Issues

Vote for 2:

- [Issue B: Allow Medicaid in Assisted Living Communities](#)
 - Allow Assisted Living providers to enroll in Medicaid and provide care to older adults with limited means as 44 other states permit. It would also remove the 25-bed minimum for licensing of Assisted Living communities.
- [Issue C: Assisted Living and Personal Care Home Improvements](#)
 - Increase annual licensing fees for Assisted Living Communities and Personal Care Homes, create a bed charge, prohibit facilities from accepting money in return for a referral to outside providers. Dedicating funds will require additional legislation and a 2/3 majority vote.
- [Issue D: The CARE Act](#)
 - Require hospitals to advise individuals of their opportunity to identify a family caregiver, record the caregiver's name and contact information in the health record, and consult with caregiver about discharge timing, the discharge plan, and the medical/nursing tasks they will handle at home.
- [Issue E: Eliminate All Georgia State Tax on IRA Retirement Distributions for those 65+](#)
 - Exempt individual retirement account (IRA) distributions from Georgia personal income tax
- [Issue F: Expand Nursing Home Options](#)
 - Create a study committee to encourage innovative models of person-centered care for nursing facilities (e.g., [the Green House Project](#))