# KEY POLICY ISSUES



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# **Funding for Long-Term Care**

- Provide sustainable state funding for the care of Pennsylvania seniors.
- Offer more care options for medical assistance eligible individuals.

# **Workforce Initiatives**

- Greater flexibility for nurse aide training.
- Creation of new career pathways.
- Broaden the pool of potential care professionals.

# **Advocate for Quality Care Providers**

- Educate members and be a driving force on the ever-changing industry regulations.
- Ensure access to quality care for aging Pennsylvanians.



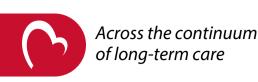
# **WHO WE ARE**

LeadingAge PA represents 370+ high-quality, mission-driven long-term care provider communities across Pennsylvania.

# **ON A MISSION**

Advancing aging services & quality of care for seniors in Pennsylvania

# LEADING THE WAY IN SENIOR SERVICES



### **CCRCs**

A comprehensive life planning/retirement setting where the continuum of aging care needs—from independent living, assisted living and personal care homes, and skilled nursing care—can all be met within the community.

### **Skilled Nursing Facilities**

A health care setting that provides around-the-clock nursing care including the dispensing of medications, supervision of care performed to every patient by a physician, full-time employment of at least one registered nurse, and maintenance of records for the care and condition of every patient. There is limited Medicare coverage for stays in this setting and the majority of facilities rely on Medicaid programs to pay for services. Facilities are heavily regulated at the state and federal levels.

### **Assisted Living/Personal Care Homes**

A setting that provides food, shelter, personal care, assistance or 24-hour supervision and supplemental health care services for a period exceeding 24 hours to seniors who require assistance or supervision in daily activities such as dressing, bathing, diet, financial management, evacuation from the residence in an emergency, or medication prescribed for self-administration.

### **Subsidized Independent Living/Affordable Housing**

Government-subsidized housing units are offered by 80 LeadingAge PA members, primarily through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 program or through low-income housing tax credit projects. These members provide over 5,500 housing units that support low-income seniors.

### **Other Services**

LeadingAge members are continually evolving and changing to meet consumer preferences by offering services in both traditional and non-traditional settings, such as adult day programs, home care, hospice, and Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) programs.

# HOW WE SUPPORT **MEMBERS**



### **Education & Events**

Annual conferences and free webinars are just two of the many educational opportunities and events we offer for members and their staff to network and earn the continuing education credits they need.



### **Workforce Initiatives**

We provide a job board, recruitment and retention tools and support, and programs for leadership and professional development. The LeadingAge PA Foundation also awards more than \$100,000 in grants and scholarships for member communities every year.

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#### **Communications**

Connecting with our members in the ways they need most is a priority. We provide weekly update emails formatted for easy navigation, monthly member calls, and public relations support. Our website gives members easy access to all their member-only information and resources.





### **Provider Resources**

Research and data tools, including Five Star Reporting, and benchmarking are valuable member-only benefits. We also secure partnerships to offer cost saving programs for higher education, and various senior services and supports.



#### **Advocacy & Policy**

Members trust in the tireless efforts of our government affairs team raising the voice for aging services in Pennsylvania, and easily keep up-to-date with key issues and policy with our weekly communications, and online bill tracker and resources.

