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# Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

**Informational Hearing on Consequences of Federal Policy Changes  
on California's Seniors  
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# Goals of the Administration and Congress (Themes)

- Deep cuts/reforms to federal Mandatory Programs targeted at low-income beneficiaries
  - Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, SSDI, SNAP, TANF
- Deep cuts to Non-Defense Discretionary (domestic) programs
- Tax cuts targeted toward high-income earners and corporations
- Ambitious assumptions about economic growth necessary to balance budget in 10 years



# Health Care Reform and Older Adults



# Threats to Medicaid

- **Per-Capita Caps/Block Grants**
- Congressional Budget Resolutions cutting Medicaid >\$1 trillion/10 years (~25%)
- Administration Budget Request cutting Medicaid >\$600 billion/10 years
- Administrative intent to approve state waiver requests that would allow states to implement work requirements, community service requirements, charge co-pays, restrict services (medical transportation), etc.
- **What does this mean for older adults?**

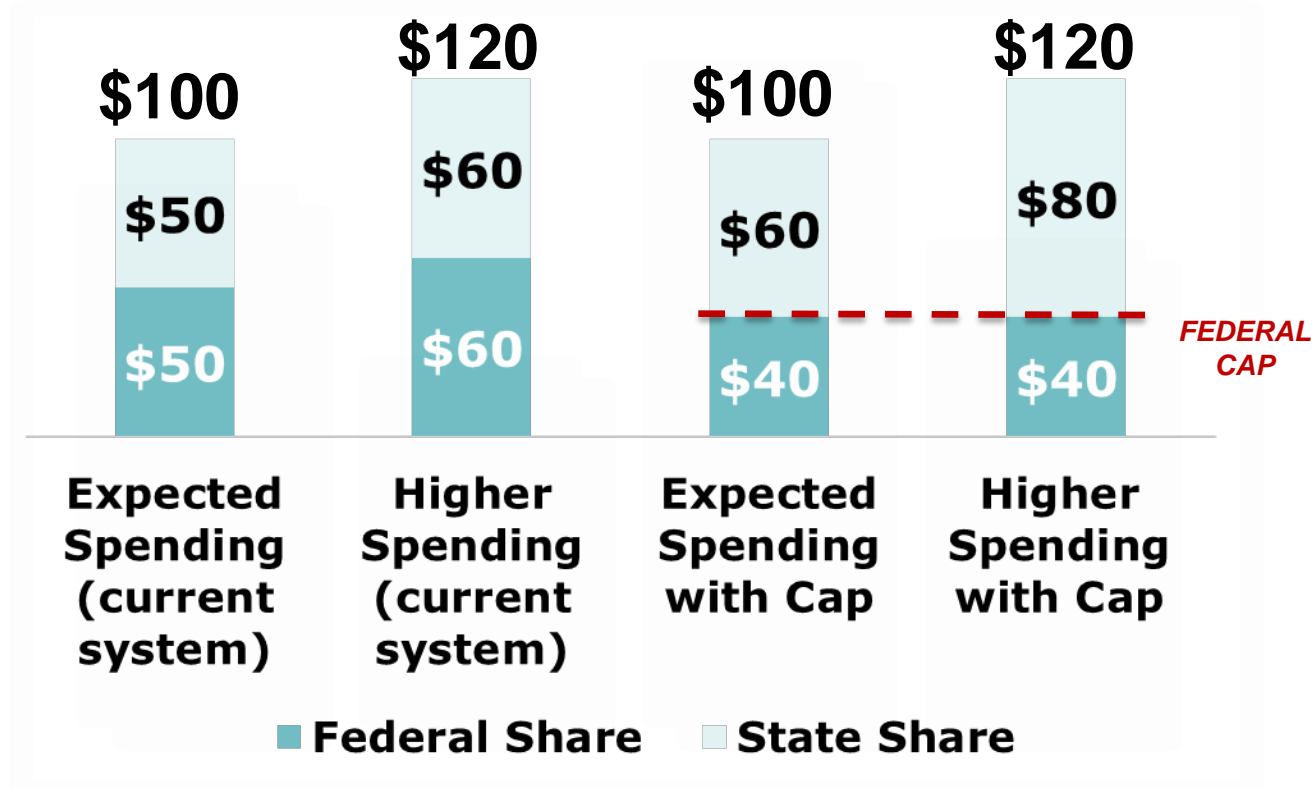


# Why is Medicaid Important to Older Adults?

- 6 million low-income seniors and 10 million people with disabilities receive services and supports through Medicaid (*=62% of Medicaid spending*)
- Two-thirds of seniors in nursing homes rely on Medicaid
- Medicaid driving state rebalancing initiatives toward HCBS

# Proposals to Caps/Block Grant Medicaid Shift Costs and Risks to States

Current Medicaid Financing System vs. Capped Medicaid Funding  
(in millions)



# Medicaid cuts and caps hurt US

**1 in 5 Americans relies on Medicaid to stay healthy and independent.  
Medicaid cuts and per capita caps mean less care, lost jobs,  
and greater hardships for families, especially in rural areas.**



## Congress: Don't cut and cap Medicaid

### Supporting Organizations

- AARP
- ACCSES
- ADAPT
- AFL-CIO
- AFSCME
- Alliance for Aging Research
- Alliance for Retired Americans
- Allies for Independence/Advance CLASS
- AMDA - The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
- American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- American Association of People with Disabilities
- American Association of Service Coordinators
- American Baptist Home Mission Societies
- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Diabetes Association
- American Foundation for the Blind
- American Geriatrics Society
- American Medical Association
- American Music Therapy Association
- The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.
- American Psychological Association
- American Society on Aging
- The Amputee Coalition
- The Arc of the United States
- Association for Gerontology and Human Development in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (AGDHBCU)
- Association of Jewish Aging Services
- Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUUCD)
- Autism Society of America
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- Baystate Health
- Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
- B'nai B'rith International
- Brain Injury Association of America
- CareSouth Carolina, Inc.
- Caring Across Generations
- The Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHHA)
- Center for Elder Care & Advanced Illness
- Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
- Center for Medicare Advocacy
- Center for Public Representation
- Center for Advance Initiative Care
- Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
- Christian Reformed Disability Concerns Ministry
- Christiana Care Health System
- Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
- Coastal Medical
- Community Catalyst
- Conference of Major Superiors of Men
- Council for Exceptional Children
- Disability Concerns Ministry (Reformed Church in America)
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
- Disciples Home Missions
- Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)
- Easterseals
- Families USA
- Feminist Majority Foundation
- First Focus Campaign for Children
- Foundation for Healthy Generations
- GBMC HealthCare System
- Henry Ford Health System
- Human Impact Partners
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- The Jewish Federation of North America
- Justice in Aging
- LeadingAge
- Lupus Foundation of America
- Lutheran Services in America
- Lutheran Services in America - Disability Network
- Medicare Rights Center
- MomsRising.org
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- National Adult Day Services Association
- National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
- National Alliance for Caregiving
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
- National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- National Association of Community Health Centers
- National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)
- National Association of School Psychologists
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- National Association of State Directors of Special Education
- National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
- National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)
- National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
- National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
- National Council for Behavioral Health
- National Council of Churches
- National Council on Aging
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- National Down Syndrome Congress
- National Health Law Program
- National Hispanic Council on Aging
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- National Patient Advocate Foundation
- NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
- Parent to Parent USA
- PHI
- Prevention Institute
- Providence St. Joseph Health
- Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center
- Service Employees International Union
- Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
- Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network
- TASH
- Union for Reform Judaism
- United Cerebral Palsy
- The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
- The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA)

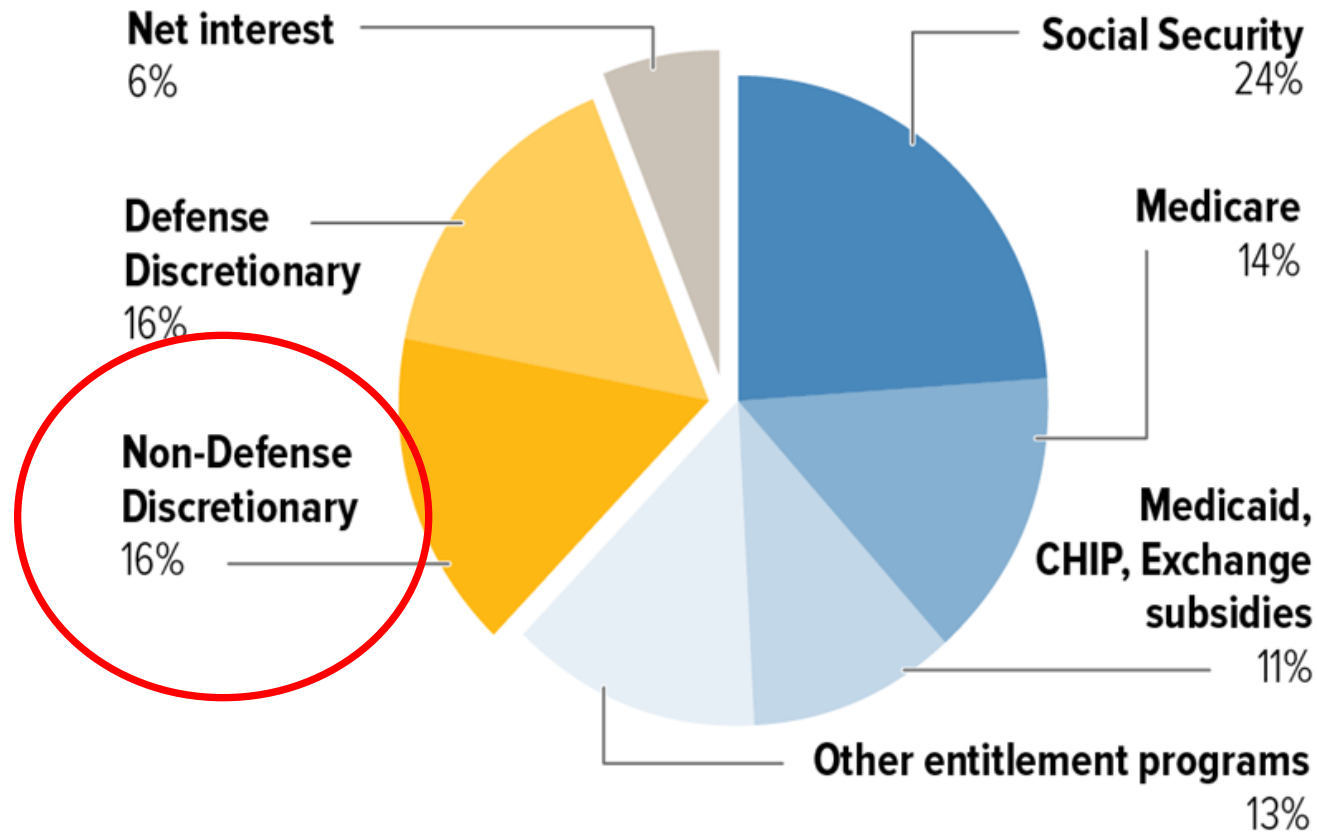
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging



# FY 2018 Federal Appropriations



# Most of the Federal Budget Goes Toward Defense, Social Security, and Major Health Programs



Source: Congressional Budget Office



# Federal Budget Snapshot

In FY 2016...

- Total Federal Spending = **\$3.9 Trillion**
- Total Non-Defense Discretionary Spending = **\$600 Billion (~15.4 percent)**
- Total Budget for ACL = **~\$2.0 Billion**
- Total ACL Spending as percentage of Federal Budget = **.049 percent**

# Status of FY 2018 Funding Bills

- **Congress and Administration share goal of slashing domestic (NDD) discretionary spending**
- Currently: CR through December 8
- House Labor-HHS bill:
  - Topline is \$5 billion lower than FY 2017
  - Rejects many cuts proposed by Administration
  - Flat-funds most OAA and ACL programs
  - Eliminates SHIP **(HICAP)**
  - Cuts SCSEP, Elder Justice
- Senate Labor-HHS Bill
  - Flat-funds all OAA/aging programs
  - REJECTS House cuts to SHIP **(HICAP)**, SCSEP, Elder Justice

# Advocacy WIN in House!

- Several amendments to increase OAA funding
- Introduced by Members of both parties
  - Reject SHIP (**HICAP**) Cut (\$47.2 million)
  - Increase all core OAA Title III programs to authorized amount (supportive services, nutrition, family caregiver) (~\$51 million)
  - Increase OAA Title III B Supportive Services to authorized amounts (\$14.2 million)
- Two made it to House Floor
- OAA Title III B amendment passed by voice vote!
  - First significant increase for OAA III B funding since sequestration

# FY 2018 Appropriations

- Interest in budget deal is building; how will NDD caps fare?
- Need to push for highest possible levels in each chamber's bill (e.g., take House level for III B, Senate's on SHIP **(HICAP)**, SCSEP!)
- May require another continuing resolution (CR), at least through December
- **Current tax cut debate could derail bipartisan momentum**

# Current Trajectory: Vision of Recent Congressional Budget

## Step One:

- ✓ Tax breaks targeted toward high-income earners/corporations

*...via FY 2018 Budget Reconciliation*

## Step Two:

- Deep cuts to Non-Defense Discretionary (domestic) programs
- Deep cuts/reforms to Mandatory Programs targeted at low-income beneficiaries

*...via FY 2019 Budget Reconciliation*

# Key Aging Advocacy Messages

- Investments in domestic programs that keep older adults healthy and independent must be INCREASED not cut as America ages.
- Reject ANY budget proposal that would cut critical services to seniors and caregivers.
- Reject any health care reforms that would increase costs and cut coverage for older adults.
- Medicaid is critical to the health and well-being of older adults.
- **How would federal cuts hurt CA seniors?**



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