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Top Ten State Proposals

AP-3 Senior Assembly Member Lorraine Person: Medi-Cal Share of Cost Reduction. This proposal revises the formula to determine Medi-Cal share of cost requirements to result in a reduction in the requirement making it equal to the amount that the person's income exceeds the countable income requirements.

AP-5 Senior Assembly Member Dolores Wright: Medi-Cal Personal and Incidental Needs Allowance Increase. This proposal provides a ten-dollar increase and cost-of-living increase for the personal and incidental needs allowance for Medi-Cal beneficiaries in skilled nursing facilities.

AP-11 Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker: Availability of Automated External Defibrillators. This proposal requires long-term care facilities where the licensed bed capacity exceeds 60 persons, and every senior center to purchase and train personnel in the use of automated external defibrillators.

AP-21 Senior Assembly Member Edward Woods: Adult Daycare Staff Certification. This proposal requires all 33 Planning Service Areas throughout the state, within their Community Colleges to replicate the curriculum and courses of the Los Angeles Mission College's adult daycare certification for directors, assistants and aides and set forth specific requirements for certification of these individuals.

AP-29 Senior Assembly Member Van Tipton: Funding for Long-Term Care Ombudsman. This proposal establishes a \$3-per-bed yearly fee on long-term care facilities to be used for funding local ombudsman programs.

SP-2 Senior Senator Robert Gallimore: Deductible Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums. This proposal amends the State Personal Income Tax law to permit full deductibility of long-term care insurance premiums.

SP-8 Senior Senator Richard Lundin: In-Home and Community-Based Medi-Cal Benefits. This proposal permits persons entitled to Medi-Cal benefits to choose in-home or community-based care rather than institutional care, and that Medi-Cal provides support for those services.

SP-10 Senior Senator Richard H. Griswold: Increased Property Tax Exemption for Seniors. This proposal increases the homeowner's property tax exemption for seniors from \$7,000 to \$17,000.

SP-21 Senior Senator Marion Faustman: Area Agency on Aging Funding

This proposal authorizes the State, in the event of a delayed budget, to borrow funds necessary to pay area agencies on aging moneys due them.

SP-26 Senior Senator Irene Tonello: California Senior Legislature Funding

This proposal provides permanent funding for the CSL through general fund appropriations and removes the tax check-off item from the State tax form.

Top Four Federal Proposals

AFP-2 Senior Assembly Member Lorraine Person: Medicare Prescription Drug Discount. This proposal requires that all holders of valid Medicare cards receive a standard 20 percent reduction, as adjusted for inflation, in the cost of pharmaceutical prescriptions be given to.

SFP-1 Senior Senator Jim Levy: Dental, Vision, and Hearing Medicare Benefits.

This proposal expands Medicare coverage to include routine dental, vision, and hearing examinations and treatments.

SFP-3 Senior Senator Marnelle White: Tax Deduction for Long-Term Care Insurance. This proposal makes Long-term Care Insurance premiums fully deductible regardless of income, medical expenses or age of the covered individual.

SFP-4 Senior Senator Perry Benson: Limit on Social Security Earnings and Investments. This proposal repeals the cap on earnings subject to Social Security Tax and limits investment of these funds to specific government investments.

Other State Proposals

AP-1 Senior Assembly Member Lawrence Hartmann: Prescription Drug Cost Disclosure. This proposal requires pharmacies to list on the receipt the cash price for a prescription for a senior citizen in addition to the customer's co-pay.

AP-8 Senior Assembly Member William Choate: Older Person Access to Physicians. This proposal requires health care service plans to allow older patients access to medical services of any state-licensed health care professionals of their choice regardless if they are under contract to the plan or not.

AP-10 Senior Assembly Member Craig Orange: Pharmacist Geriatric Training.

This proposal requires pharmacy schools to include the study of geriatrics showing the relationship between patient's age and medication effectiveness.

AP-14 Senior Assembly Member Arnold Roth: Public Transportation System Database. This proposal develops a statewide database of public transportation systems.

AP-15 Senior Assembly Member Edward Woods: Un-inherited Estate Affordable Housing. This proposal allows an estate without heirs to be used for senior citizen affordable housing.

AP-16 Senior Assembly Member Marvin Goldman: Senior Housing Requirements. This proposal requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to recognize the construction of senior congregate housing as an expansion of the housing stock of the State and accept the construction of senior congregate housing as fulfilling a city or county's fair share.

AP-17 Senior Assembly Member Arnold Roth: Regional Point-to-Point Transportation Systems. This proposal provides four regional transportation systems funded by those who will benefit from maintaining people in their own homes with fees proportional to the services rendered using volunteer help where possible.

AP-18 Senior Assembly Member Edward Woods: Senior Housing on Decommissioned Military Bases. This proposal establishes the California Temporary Military Affordable Housing Authority to examine and select housing units on decommissioned military bases for renovation and leasing as affordable senior housing.

AP-27 Senior Assembly Member Sally Wieck: Availability of Autopsies. This proposal requires the State to produce and distribute educational brochures for placement in nursing homes, convalescent hospitals, mental illness facilities, and general hospitals to inform the public of how and where to get autopsies performed.

AP-28 Senior Assembly Member Vernon Jones: Base Line Utility Usage Increase for Seniors. This proposal increases the proportion of baseline quantities of utility usage that seniors may use be increased above 130 percent.

AP-30 Senior Assembly Member Sally Acosta: Identity Theft Prevention Commission. This proposal establishes a commission to study identity theft problems including the collection and dissemination of the information.

SP-1 Senior Senator Jim Levy: Long-Term Care Insurance Regulation. This proposal requires long-term care insurers to offer non-cancelable policies and renewability provisions and requires Department of Insurance approval for certain provisions.

SP-5 Senior Senator Mathew Ross: Adult Day Health Care Mental Health Services. This proposal develops a set of recommended standards for serving mental health needs,

increases the capacity of field offices to evaluate and approve services, and permits adult day health care to provide mental health services.

SP-6 Senior Senator John Hopkins: In-Home Personal Emergency Response Systems. This proposal requires the Department of Aging to conduct a survey of the need of elderly and disabled for personal emergency response systems and provides funding for the purchase and installation for those unable to afford it.

SP-9 Senior Senator Anne Mack: Prescription Drug Labeling Cautions. This proposal requires pharmacists to include large-print information regarding interactions with alcohol and other medications.

SP-12 Senior Senator Marianne Mannia: Residential Care Facility Services This proposal requires a supportive environment assessment and documentation program, a full contractual content service disclosure, and an ombudsman quality of life training program for residential care facilities.

SP-13 Senior Senator George Winslow: Mobilehome Park Homeowner's Rights. This proposal provides homeowners in mobilehome parks the first right of refusal when parks are sold under specified conditions.

SP-17 Senior Senator Mary Dennison: Mental Health Care Continuing Education. This proposal requires continuing education courses on mental health care and psychotropic medications to family practitioners and primary care physicians.

SP-19 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby: Senior Citizen Medicine Management. This proposal authorizes pharmacists to review medicine management for seniors.

SP-20 Senior Senator Richard Lundin: Long-Term Care Ombudsman Funding. This proposal establishes a bond measure to professionalize the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program.

SP-22 Senior Senator J. Pasqual Bettio: Senior Achievement Recognition This proposal designates May 11th as "Senior Achievement Day" and provides 1,000 awards of merit for senior lifetime achievements.

Other Federal Proposals

(There were none.)