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Without a plan...



- Special Care Standards Act
- Alzheimer's Respite Fund...now the Fair Program
- Mandated dementia training for long term care direct care workers
- Alzheimer's Disease Registry
- Uniform Guardianship Act
- BRFSS

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A few facts...

- Presently, 5.4 million Americans and 48,000 West Virginians have Alzheimer's disease. (44,000 age 65 and older, another 4000 with "Younger onset Alzheimer's)
- These numbers will climb as an estimated one in 8 baby boomer's develop Alzheimer's

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- Dementia is the fifth leading cause of death in West Virginia; and the state rate for mortality from dementia is 11 percent higher than the national average.

- The greatest risk factor for developing Alzheimer's is age and in 2008 West Virginia had the nation's third highest median age.

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- Alzheimer's is associated with risk factors similar to those for stroke and cardiovascular illness including smoking, high cholesterol, obesity, and diabetes. **In 2008, West Virginia ranked first in the nation in the prevalence of smoking and**
- **diabetes.**



- Between 1998 and 2007, **the rate of hospital discharge with dementia as a principle diagnosis in the state grew 29 percent**, and the billed costs associated with these hospitalizations increased a staggering 184 percent (to \$10,492,000).

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In addition, consider the costs of family and other uncompensated caregiving:

- Almost 100,000 West Virginia family members care for a loved one with Alzheimer's.
- **The annual cost of lost productivity related to employees providing care for individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias in the U.S. has been estimated at \$36.5 billion.**
- For employed caregivers of people with Alzheimer's, two-thirds reported having to go to work late, leave early, or take time off due to caregiving demands.

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- More than 40 percent of family and unpaid Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers rate the emotional stress of caregiving as high or very high as compared with 28 percent of caregivers of other older people.
- One study found that Alzheimer's caregivers have a 63 percent greater chance of dying than their peers who are not caregivers.
- Thirty-three percent of Alzheimer's caregivers have been providing care for five years or more.

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And, the costs to the healthcare system, state, and federal budgets:

- \$24.6 billion dollars are related directly to nationwide health costs associated with Alzheimer's and other dementia care (e.g., health, long-term care, hospice).
- By age 80, 4 percent of Americans enter a nursing home. **For people with Alzheimer's, 75 percent end up in a nursing home by age 80.**
- Approximately 69 percent of all nursing home residents in West Virginia have some form of cognitive impairment, and 74.1 percent of West Virginia nursing home residents are Medicaid eligible.
- A person with Alzheimer's disease on average, **costs Medicare three times more and costs Medicaid nine times more** than someone without the disease.
- **Alzheimer's care costs approximately \$33,000 per individual in Medicare.**
- **Under this formula, the Medicare cost for treating and caring for Alzheimer's in West Virginia is over \$1,452,000,000**

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- NAPA



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Alzheimer's Association International Conference
Paris, France
July 16 - 21

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A Few of our Friends....

- *AARP
- *Adult Day Services
- *Individuals with Alzheimer's
- *Alzheimer's Caregivers
- *BRNI
- *Hospice Organizations
- *Legal Aid of WV
- *NASW
- *WV Assisted Living Association
- *WV Association of County Governments
- *WV Bureau of Senior Services
- *WV Bureau for Public Health
- *WV Center for End of Life Care
- *WV Chamber of Commerce
- *WV DHHR
- *WV GEC
- *WV Healthcare Association
- *WV Hospital Association
- *WV Long-term Care Partnership
- *WV Medicaid
- *WV State Police
- *WV Wellness Council
- *WV PEIA
- *WV Senate and House Health Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs



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- Senate Concurrent Resolution 38



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Three workgroups



More than fifty individuals

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Working Group 1: Care Systems (three sub groups – acute, long-term care, home and community based)

Potential issues:

- Examination of current care models (nursing homes, assisted living, HCBS waiver, adult day, respite, and hospice)
- Reimbursement and funding issues
- Exploration of innovative care models

Working Group 2: Research and Quality Improvement

Potential Issues:

- Statistical information specific to West Virginia (both existing and needed)
 - Biomedical and behavioral research opportunities
 - Establishment of quality care measures for facility and community-based care for persons with Alzheimer's disease

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Working Group 3: Education and Training

Potential Issues:

- Support services and education resources available to families
- Physician training and continuing education
- Incentives for attracting geriatric clinicians
- Dementia training for direct care workers across the care continuum
- First responder training and Silver Alert implementation
- Public awareness initiatives
- End-of-life planning

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2012 Legislative Session and Beyond....



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