

The Senior Alliance

COLLOQUY

The Senior Alliance's Monthly Advocacy Update

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Welcome to The Senior Alliance's advocacy newsletter, COLLOQUY! This monthly e-mail is a look at the issues, legislation, and events impacting aging.

Federal Budget Update

On July 4, President Trump signed into law the final version of H.R. 1, the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*. The legislation includes sweeping changes to federal health and social programs, including historic cuts to Medicare--more than \$500 billion over the next several years starting in FY 2026. These cuts are expected to significantly shrink the broader Medicare budget, potentially reducing reimbursements to providers and limiting access to services for beneficiaries.

At the same time, the Fiscal Year 2026 federal budget remains under negotiation and is expected to be taken up when lawmakers return from summer recess. Advocacy will be crucial in the months ahead to ensure adequate funding for essential Older Americans Act (OAA) programs such as in-home care, caregiver supports, and nutrition services.

The Senior Alliance will continue to monitor developments and advocate on behalf of older adults and caregivers across our communities.

You can take action on OAA and FY 26 Budget using the buttons below.

[Take Action on OAA](#)

[Take Action on FY 26 Budget](#)

Inside The Senior Alliance Podcast

In this episode, Emma Case, Planning and Advocacy Manager at The Senior Alliance, talks to Kristin Holtz, the MI Options Training and Client Services Manager at The Senior Alliance.

They talk about the Person-Centered Options Counseling Department or MI Options, how the person-centered options counseling benefits older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers, particularly in terms of maintaining independence and quality of life.

They also discuss what an options counselor does and what kind of training they receive, who is eligible for the program, what kinds of benefits clients can get, which community organizations partner with the program, and how these options can help seniors remain living at home for as long as possible.

Listen to the episode [here](#).

Seeking Veteran Representative for Advisory Council

We are currently seeking a veteran or representative from an organization serving veterans to join our Advisory Council to help ensure that the voices and needs of those who have served our country are represented in our planning and programs.

The Advisory Council is a volunteer group that provides guidance, feedback, and community insight to help shape the services and priorities of our organization. Your insights and experiences would be invaluable in guiding our work and advocating for services that truly support veterans in our community.

If interested, please email Emma Case (ecase@thesenioralliance.org) for details.

Advocate!