

# Legislative Talking Points

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## Special Thanks

Keeping our seniors and independent and living in their homes is of the utmost importance as they age. We thank you, our local and state representatives, for supporting the work we do. The members of the WVDSCS pray you continue to do so in the future, even more so since our state represents such a rising median age. Please, do all in your power to ensure the services currently offered are available for "Baby Boomers." Sustainability is important to our rapidly aging population.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Twenty-seven thousand West Virginians are scheduled to reach age 60 each year thru 2018.

## WVDSCS Points of Interest

**Medicaid Personal Care** – At a recent meeting of the WVDSCS motion was made and seconded to make legislators aware of our contention that the Personal Care Certificate of Need process is not in need of change. We contend that the current procedures work. Further, we, as provider agencies, recognize our need to meet the increased demand for services under this program.



**Community Partnership** - We ask that you consider continuing funding via the Community Partnership grant program. These funds, while not a part of our day-to-day budgets, are utilized to provide a wide array of equipment, supplies and program needs.

### WE ARE –

- Proud Mountaineers!!
- Community members residing in the communities we serve
- Well established multi-level service providers.
- Much, much more than a place to play Bingo.
- Providing services and programs in all 55 counties in WV.

### We believe:

- More thought related to new and existing DHHR policies, as approved by the Legislature, must forever keep in mind our seniors and their families.
- The recent changes related to the brokerage system for the Non-Emergency Medical Transport program is not the best way to deal with over expenditures. The problem, as we see it, surrounds family members and their abuses of the process. Further, no one can take better care of a WV senior than a WV Senior Center; 55 Strong!
- Our services are provided with a personal, heartfelt touch.

### Services We Provide:

In-home Care  
Nutrition  
Transportation  
Assisted Transportation  
Adult Day Care & Congregate Respite  
S.H.I.P. & Medicare Counseling  
Socialization Activities  
Family Caregiver Support Groups  
Family Caregiver Counseling  
Information & Assistance  
Medication Management  
and more.

**SENIOR CENTERS ENRICH LIVES!!**