

2022 Legislative Bills Related to the Master Plan for Aging

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In January 2021, Governor Newsom released California's [Master Plan for Aging](#) (MPA), which lays out a ten-year plan to prepare the state for an aging and changing population. The MPA set five major goals: Housing for All Ages and Stages; Health Reimagined; Inclusion & Equity, Not Isolation; Caregiving that Works; and Affording Aging.

[Last year](#), 11 bills in alignment with MPA goals were chaptered. The Legislature and Administration again have an unprecedented opportunity to partner together to create a state where older adults and people with disabilities can age in place and live in dignity. The list below highlights some of the bills that have been introduced in 2022 that would directly affect older adults and people with disabilities and that would advance the MPA.

Justice in Aging compiled this summary of 2022 legislative bills. Sponsors are listed when known. Questions and additions, including to sponsors, can be referred to Yasmin Peled at ypeled@justiceinaging.org. Inclusion on this list does not indicate endorsement by Justice in Aging.

Goal 1: Housing for All Ages and Stages

1. [AB 1721](#) (Rodriguez): California Emergency Services Act: Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Program
 - LeadingAge CA
 - » This bill would implement a Long-term Care Mutual Aid Program (LTC-MAP) for California. The LTC-MAP program would help Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) provide emergency response services and mutual aid support in the event of an emergency or disaster.
2. [AB 2483](#) (Maienschein): Housing for individuals experiencing homelessness
 - Corporation for Supportive Housing
 - » This bill would offer incentives to housing developers to create housing for people

eligible for specific Medi-Cal programs for older adults and people living with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness.

3. [AB 2547](#) (Nazarian): Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Act
 - Corporation for Supportive Housing, Justice in Aging, LeadingAge CA, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and United Way of Greater LA
 - » This bill would create housing stabilization subsidies that would enable an estimated 25,000 older adults and people with disabilities annually to access or keep their housing. The subsidies would be made available to severely low-income Californians who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness.
4. [AB 2548](#) (Nazarian): Healthier Homes - Age in Place Nursing Program
 - LeadingAge CA, LifeSTEPS
 - » This bill would establish a 5-year Healthier Home – Age in Place Nursing Program in eight counties across the state. The California Department of Aging (CDA) will provide grant funds to qualified nonprofit organizations to hire one full-time registered nurse and one full-time community health worker to deliver health education, navigation, and coaching to residents at three senior affordable housing sites in each of the pilot counties.
5. [AB 2619](#) (Patterson): Residential care facilities for the elderly: capacity
 - California Commission on Aging and 6Beds, Inc.
 - » This bill would amend the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act to allow applicable RCFEs currently serving six or fewer individuals to now serve more than six individuals.

Goal 2: Health Reimagined

6. [AB 1502](#) (Muratsuchi): Freestanding skilled nursing facilities
 - California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform
 - » This bill would prohibit an entity from operating a skilled nursing facility without first obtaining a license on its own behalf.
 - » This is a two-year bill.
7. [AB 1618](#) (Aguar-Curry): Alzheimer’s disease
 - Alzheimer’s Association
 - » This bill continues the important work of the Healthy Brain Initiative, a public health response to the impacts of Alzheimer’s. Second, this bill makes key updates to the Alzheimer’s Advisory Committee. Lastly, this bill supports the critical Alzheimer’s work of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

8. [AB 1884](#) (Voepel): Hospice care: standards
 - California Senior Legislature
 - » This measure would require the state to make various reforms relating to hospice, including strengthening hospice standards by requiring inspections every three years and requiring the recertification for hospice enrolled patients to be conducted by at least one independent physician in conjunction with the hospice physician.
9. [AB 1900](#) (Arambula): Medi-Cal: income level for maintenance
 - Bet Tzedek, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, Disability Rights California, Justice in Aging, Senior & Disability Action, and Western Center on Law & Poverty
 - » This bill would make the Medi-Cal Share of Cost program more affordable by updating the maintenance need level to 138% of the federal poverty level.
10. [AB 1962](#) (Voepel): Telephone support services: seniors and individuals with disabilities
 - California Senior Legislature
 - » This would use appropriate sources of behavioral health funds to fund grant programs in counties that would provide telephone support services for the senior and disabled populations to combat social isolation and help rebuild social capital.
11. [AB 2145](#) (Davies): Dental services: skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled
 - California Senior Legislature
 - » This measure would require the CDPH to promulgate regulations to authorize registered dental hygienists in alternative practice to provide oral health in-service training to staff in skilled nursing facilities and provide oral health care services in skilled nursing facilities.
12. [AB 2262](#) (Calderon): In-home supportive services (IHSS): needs assessment
 - California Welfare Director's Association and Justice in Aging
 - » This bill would modify rules for IHSS annual reassessments by simplifying criteria for county social workers to perform alternative reassessments for program recipients with stable needs and whose IHSS hours do not fluctuate, or fluctuate very little each year.
13. [AB 2331](#) (Calderon): Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior Isolation
 - California Association for Adult Day Services
 - » This bill would create the Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior Isolation, administered by CDA, to improve the health, safety, and well-being of vulnerable at-risk seniors

through safe access to vital services in adult day health care and adult day program settings.

14. [AB 2394](#) (Reyes): Long-term services and supports

- California Aging and Disability Alliance
 - » This bill would establish the California Long-Term Services and Supports Benefits Board (LTSS Board) to manage and invest revenue deposited in the soon-to-be-established California LTSS Trust Fund. By establishing the LTSS board, this bill would set the foundation for the development of a comprehensive long-term services and support benefit for Californians in the coming years.

15. [AB 2511](#) (Irwin): Skilled nursing facilities: backup power source

- California Senior Legislature
 - » This measure would require a skilled nursing facility to have an alternative source of electricity, that complies with specified federal requirements, to protect resident health and safety for no less than 96 hours during any type of electrical outage.

16. [AB 2546](#) (Nazarian): Resident-Designated Support Persons Act

- » This bill would give long-term care residents the right to designate two support persons for in-person onsite access during any public health emergency and would grant them certain rights to access the facility to visit the resident. Under the bill, a resident's right would also include the right to leave the facility on outings.

17. [AB 2813](#) (Santiago): Long-Term Services and Supports Benefit Program

- California Aging and Disability Alliance
 - » This bill would require CDA to establish and administer a Long-Term Services and Supports Benefits Program with the purpose of providing supportive care to aging Californians and those with physical disabilities. The bill would also establish the Long-Term Services and Supports Benefit Program Fund.

18. [SB 281](#) (Dodd): Medi-Cal: California Community Transitions program

- Disability Rights California and East Bay Innovations
 - » This bill would make the Community Care Transitions Program permanent and reduce time needed to have resided in a Skilled Nursing Facility to 60 days, even after COVID.
 - » This is a two-year bill in the second house.

19. [SB 842](#) (Dodd): Health care: medical goods: reuse and redistribution

- California Senior Legislature
 - » This measure would allocate \$800,000 for a 3-year pilot program to establish a

comprehensive reuse and recycle program for home-based medical equipment and home health supplies for the counties of Napa, Solano, and Sonoma.

Goal 3: Inclusion & Equity, Not Isolation

20. [AB 2338](#) (Gipson): Health care decisions: surrogates

- California Senior Legislature
 - » This bill would adopt default hierarchy surrogate consent laws similar to those existing in other states in which family members and the people closest to a patient by kinship become designated surrogate decisionmakers for the patient's health care decisions under appropriate circumstances, including where the patient is incapacitated or otherwise unable to personally designate a surrogate.

21. [AB 2583](#) (Mullin): Peace officers: training

- Alzheimer's Association
 - » This bill would require the commission to revise Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to include instruction on how to effectively interact with persons with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

22. [SB 861](#) (Limón): Dementia Care Navigation Grant Program

- Alzheimer's Association
 - » This bill would establish the Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program, to be administered by CDA, in partnership with organizations with expertise using community health workers, promotores, and health navigators.

23. [SB 1054](#) (Ochoa Bogh): Public social services: records

- » This bill would change confidentiality requirements so that county protection agencies can share information, including the disclosure of information between employees of a county adult protective agency and a county child welfare agency for the purposes of prevention, intervention, management, or treatment of child abuse or neglect or abuse, or neglect of an elder or dependent adult.

24. [SB 1342](#) (Bates): Aging multidisciplinary personnel teams

- » This bill would establish an aging multidisciplinary personnel team (elder abuse investigation units) in counties with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of older adults to services within that county and to allow provider agencies to share confidential information for the purpose of coordinating services.

Goal 4: Caregiving that Works

25. [AB 2069](#) (Villapudua) Home care services: scholarships

- California Senior Legislature
 - » This measure would enact legislation titled “The California Caregivers Training Scholarship Act” to incentivize enrollment in home care aide or home health aide training programs at a California Community College or Public Adult Day School, by awarding scholarships of \$1,500 each to up to 1,000 people per year through December 30, 2026, for tuition and other expenses, with requirements that scholarship recipients work in the field for at least one year.

26. CHAPTERED [SB 114](#) (Skinner): Employment: COVID-19: supplemental paid sick leave

- AARP
 - » This bill, beginning January 1, 2022, until September 30, 2022, would provide for COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for covered employees who are unable to work or telework due to certain reasons related to COVID-19, including caring for a family member. This bill would also provide for COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for specified IHSS providers and waiver personal care service providers who are unable to work due to certain reasons related to COVID-19.

Goal 5: Affording Aging

27. [AB 2077](#) (Calderon): Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental needs

- California Senior Legislature
 - » This measure would increase the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$50 per month.

28. [AB 2823](#) (Levine): Medi-Cal: beneficiary maintenance needs: home upkeep allowances

- California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform
 - » This bill would increase the home upkeep allowance for temporary long term care residents to an amount based on the actual minimum cost of maintaining the resident’s home.

29. [SJR 11](#) (Skinner): The Social Security 2100 Act: A Sacred Trust

- California Alliance for Retired Americans
 - » SJR 11 calls upon California’s congressional delegation to vote in favor of HR 5723 (Larson), the Social Security 2100 Act, expanding Social Security.

30. [SB 1126](#) (Cortese): CalSavers: retirement savings

- » This bill would expand eligibility under the CalSavers Retirement Savings Trust Act, requiring eligible employers with 5 or more employees and that do not offer a retirement savings program to have a payroll deposit savings arrangement.