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**MusicianFest for seniors!**

We're partnering with the Music Performance Trust Fund to bring live music to older adults this spring. MusicianFest will stage up to 500 free performances at senior centers nationwide. The concert series also will boost the employment of local musicians—many of whom will be contemporaries of their audiences.

[Watch a video and get performance dates](#)

**Senate to vote on Medicare physician payment bill**

Thank you to the more than 1,200 advocates who emailed their Senators and many more who called in response to our action alert! Sen. Cardin (D-MD) will be offering an amendment to repeal arbitrary caps on outpatient therapy services, but prospects for passage are unclear. The amendment will not include other provisions that would have strengthened low-income protections and outreach and extended ADRC funding. Passage of the overall bill, which makes permanent the Qualifying Individual (QI) low-income premium protection program, is expected this evening or tomorrow morning.

[Read about the therapy caps](#)

**Congress returns to tackle federal budget**

Congress returns from recess this week to start negotiating a final budget package, with the goal of completing work by April 15. See what we know so far about appropriations, the Older Americans Act, Medicare, Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and more.

[Get the details](#)

## Meet the winners of our Healthy LGBT Aging Photo Contest

Our National Institute of Senior Centers and SAGE's National Resource Center on LGBT Aging are proud to announce the winners of our 2015 Healthy LGBT Aging photo contest! There were 60+ wonderful and dynamic photos entered from all over the world.

[See the winning photos](#) | [Meet the Grand Prize winner](#)

## Add your comments to a WHCOA healthy aging issue brief

The White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) released a policy brief on Healthy Aging last week. Additional briefs will be released in the coming weeks on other key topics for the event, including long-term services and supports, elder justice, and retirement security. You're invited to read and comment on the briefs as they are released.

[Read the Healthy Aging brief and see how to comment](#)

### *Coming up ...*

- **Unlocking the Door to Veterans Benefits** : Discover the kinds of veterans' benefits and how they work with Medicare. *April 28 @ 3 p.m. ET*
- **Strong Brains, Sharp Minds – Part II** : Discover how to offer practical, low-cost brain health programs for seniors and caregivers in your community. *May 7 @ 1:30 p.m. ET*

### *Did you miss this?*

- **Budgeting in 3 Minutes** : April is Financial Literacy Month! Share our free budgeting tool on EconomicCheckUp®.
- **Savvy Saving Seniors®** : Use our tips to educate older adults about how to be savvy with their money.

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