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There's a lot of noise out there on what to expect in January when the new Congress convenes—including possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Watch our new video to get the facts on why the ACA matters for seniors.

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Congress delays final decisions on FY17 funding

On Dec. 9, Congress passed a second Continuing Resolution (CR) that level-funds most federal programs through April 28. Similar to the first CR, a minimal across-the-board cut keeps overall funding under the current budget caps but with a significant investment in veterans' health services. This means FY17 funding won't be finalized until 7 months into the fiscal year, when Congress should be starting the FY18 budget. These delays make it challenging for state and local organizations to make plans and deliver services efficiently to the vulnerable populations who rely on them.

[Learn more about the latest CR](#) | [Review the pending FY17 figures](#)

6 ways to promote healthy aging at your senior center

If you run a senior center, we've made it easy for you to find all of NCOA's healthy aging programs in one place. Get 6 ways to improve the health of your participants, plus a range of resources, at our National Institute of

Senior Centers (NISC) Healthy Aging page.

[Check it out](#) | [See what else NISC has to offer](#)

Webinar: Findings of the National Quality Forum Committee on HCBS Quality

Join the Disability & Aging Collaborative to get an overview of the final September 2016 report from the National Quality Forum Committee on Home and Community-Based Services Quality. The free webinar is set for Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. ET.

[Register](#)

Older Americans Month 2017: Age Out Loud

The Administration on Aging has announced the theme for Older Americans Month 2017—*Age Out Loud*. The goal is to give aging a new voice—one that reflects what today's older adults have to say about aging. To start promoting the May event, use the official hashtags #OAM17 and #AgeOutLoud and stay tuned for more information and materials coming soon.

Coming up...

- **Facilitating Transportation to Evidence-Based Programs:** Explore resources to help individuals in your community stay connected to health care services. *Jan. 24 @ 3 p.m. ET*

Did you miss this?

- **Finding Relief When Disaster Strikes:** Read our list of 7 programs that can help if you or someone you know has been affected by a natural disaster.
- **Meet the Nominees:** Get details about President-elect Donald Trump's nominees to lead the Department of Health & Human Services and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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