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ACA is safe for now, but what's ahead?

On Friday, the House cancelled its vote to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) stated that the ACA will remain the law of the land for the foreseeable future. But this is only the first of many fights we expect this year over programs for America's seniors.

Here's what to watch for

March 28, 2017

President proposes current-year funding cuts

As Congress works to finalize FY17 funding by April 28, the Trump Administration is requesting supplemental funding, mostly for defense and to start work on a border wall. To offset the cost, the Administration is expected to propose \$18 billion in cuts to non-defense spending. This would include eliminating the Senior Community Service Employment Program, nearly eliminating the Medicare State Health Insurance Assistance Program with just \$3 million left, and cutting Senior Corps, the Community Services Block Grant, and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. It is unclear whether Congress will consider these proposals. Watch here for more details as they become available.

New toll-free hotline for older adults struggling with debt

Are your clients struggling to manage their debt on a fixed income? NCOA is working with our partner GreenPath Financial Wellness to offer customized debt management, money management, budgeting, and financial counseling services—specifically for older adults. Share this number with your clients who could benefit from speaking with a certified counselor: 1-866-217-0543. All calls are free and confidential. We've also created a toolkit of ads, flyers, and online posts that you can use to spread the word to seniors in your community.

[**Access the toolkit**](#)

New research shows seniors and financial advisors lack understanding of home equity products

According to new research from NCOA, older homeowners have considerable financial worries, but most do not see tapping their home equity as a strategy for creating greater retirement security. Seniors are concerned about rising medical expenses and outliving their savings—and they want to stay in their own homes as long as possible. But few understand how home equity products might help them reach their goals.

[**Read the report**](#)

Brush up on the importance of oral health

Seniors have 3 big reasons to prioritize oral hygiene, says Dr. Leonard Brennan, who is back with another blog post about the ways oral health is connected to aging. Read the post and use the free resources it provides as you help older adults stay healthy.

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Profile of Older Americans: 2016

The Administration for Community Living has released its annual summary

of the latest stats on the older population. Covering 15 topical areas, it highlights important trends and information about the people you serve.

[Explore the 2016 profile](#)

Coming up...

- **A Two Venue Approach to Self-Management: Complementing In-Person Workshops with the Online Better Choices, Better Health®:** Learn more about how the online Chronic Disease Self-Management Program can appeal to potential health care partners. *April 4 @ 3 p.m. ET*
- **Fractures & Falls: Osteoporosis Fracture Liaison Service Post-Fracture Prevention Programs as Partners in Falls Prevention:** Osteoporosis and bone fractures are common among older adults. Explore ways to connect at-risk adults with Fracture Liaison Services. *April 5 @ 2 p.m. ET*
- **The SNAP Elderly Simplified Application Project: Lessons and Opportunities:** Learn ways states have used the Elderly Simplified Application Project to enroll more seniors in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). *April 6 @ 2 p.m. ET*

In case you missed it...

- **Community Malnutrition Resource Hub:** Find practical resources, tools, and ideas for how to develop and implement a malnutrition plan in your community.
- **Hotels are filling up for Seniors Centers 2017:** Register now for the nation's only conference created especially for senior center professionals.
- **Finding benefits just got easier with the new BenefitsCheckUp®:** The tool that's helped 5.6 million people connect with benefits has a new look.

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