



Trending Topics

Setting Records, Making Contact and Changing Times Top List at #ACUU2015

Aging-NY (6/11/2015)

The 19th Annual ACUU (Aging Concerns Unite Us) Conference set a record for attendance this year - close to 500 attendees - and pulled in people from every corner of the state, including Area Agency on Aging staff, human service agencies, behavioral health groups, and more. [Read more.](#)

Historic Reform Paves Way for \$7.3 Billion DSRIP Investment

Press Release (6/29/2015)

Governor Cuomo announced this week that the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program, which enables New York to invest \$7.3 billion of Medicaid savings over the next five years into transforming its health care system, has now made specific funding allocations to 25 provider networks across New York State. [Click here](#) for the press releases and the funding allocations.

Recommendations for the White House Conference on Aging

Aging-NY (6/30/2015)

New York's White House Conference on Aging recommendations have been released. Almost 1,000 survey responses and regional forum submissions were received by the Association on Aging in New York and the New York State Office for the Aging. [Click here](#) for the report.

DSRIP in the News

Aging-NY (6/2015)

Stay current on the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program by becoming an Affiliate Member. [Read more.](#) And if you're already a member, [click here](#) for Affiliate Member resources.

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Winners, Losers as NY Legislative Session Ends in Overtime



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Daily Freeman (6/25/2015)

As the 2015 legislative session ended in overtime last week, many New York lawmakers claimed at least partial victory for their constituents with rent controls and property tax breaks. [Read more.](#)

Medicaid Reform Efforts Bolstered by \$7.3B from NYS

Buffalo Business First (6/29/2015)

Weeks after the deadline for final implementation plans, the state Department of Health has awarded \$7.3 billion to hospitals and health-care providers across the state to reform New York's Medicaid system. Much of the funding is tied to performance goals. [Read more.](#)

Cuomo's Quiet Medicaid Miracle

New York Daily News (4/8/2015)

Cuomo has brought spending on the \$50-plus-billion health plan for the poor and disabled down to consistently manageable levels - without touching benefits or trashing the quality of care. [Read more.](#)

Hospitals and Major Union to Study Workers' Future

Capital (4/15/2015)

The state's largest health care union is teaming up with management to blunt the expected impact of state reforms that will reshape how health care workers interact with their employers and patients. [Read more.](#)

Senate is Unanimous on CARE Act

Hudson Valley Online Press (5/6/2015)

Critical help for millions of family caregivers across New York took a giant step toward reality when the State Senate - with the support of Senator Bill Larkin - unanimously (59-0) passed the CARE Act, legislation to support family caregivers as they safely help New Yorkers age at home. [Read more.](#)

Volunteers Honored at Senior Day in Albany

Aging-NY (5/21/2015)

Every year, the New York State Office for the Aging honors senior volunteers from every corner of the state. One busy volunteer from Erie County told the Buffalo News she likes to volunteer and: "I believe in letting your voice be heard," she said, after her activities were noted by a reporter. [Read more.](#) For pictures from the event, [click here.](#)



#NYWHCoA Regional Forums Held Across the State

The New York State Office for the Aging, with NYSOFA Executive Deputy Director Greg Olsen (pictured above), held four public forums to get statewide input for a report that will be shared with the White House Conference on Aging. [Click here](#) for the report.

Aging in the Community

Director Profile Series

Franklin County's New Director, Becky Preve, Says OFA is "Embedded"

Aging-NY (June 2015)

Franklin County, which sits north of the Adirondack Park along the border with Canada, is unique because the office for aging does all the referrals for Medicaid Home Care Services and for nursing home transition and diversion program waiver programs. [Read more.](#)

Ulster County Office for Aging's New Director, Kelly McMullen, on the "New" Basic Needs

Aging-NY (June 2015)

The good news is: County Executive Michael P. Hein has added two new positions to the Ulster County Office for Aging, a senior case manager and a senior services case aide, "which we're very happy about," Kelly said. "He really gets it," Kelly said of Hein. "He really wants to see us do all we can to meet seniors' needs." [Read more.](#)



Oneida Office for the Aging Advisory Council hosted a Senior Advocacy event at the Whitestown Community Center in Spring. Presenters highlighted federal and state issues impacting elders (L to R): Maria Alvarez, Mike Romano, Laura Palmer, Laura Cameron.

News from Around the State

Allegany County Seeking Ombudsman Program Grant

Daily Reporter (6/10/2015)

The county gave its Office for the Aging the green light to apply to the state for \$113,000 a year for the next five years. If the money comes through, the OFA will be able to advocate for those who live in nursing homes and other residential care facilities in both Allegany and Steuben counties. [Read more.](#)

More than 1,000 Seniors Attended Senior Picnic and Fun Fest

Press & Sun Bulletin (6/24/2015)

More than 1,000 seniors and their families gathered at the SUNY Broome Ice Center, picking up free merchandise from information vendors, chatting with friends and enjoying live music outside - with a slice of fresh watermelon. [Read more.](#)

Total Senior Care to add Wellsville program

Olean Times Herald (4/1/2015)

Starting this summer, a new senior citizen service will be available in Wellsville's former Community Center. Our service will provide them with the frequent socialization they need. [Read more.](#)

Elected Officials Make Special Deliveries

Olean Times Herald (3/20/2015)

Time was turned back several decades when Olean Mayor Bill Aiello delivered a Meals on Wheels dinner recently to a woman who turned out to be an old friend from his childhood neighborhood. The former neighbor, Dolores Estes, was just as surprised to see Aiello, who participated in the annual Community Champion Days event conducted by the Cattaraugus County Department of Aging's Senior Wellness and Nutrition Program. [Read more.](#)

Aging in the Nation

Growing Old is Getting More Expensive

Associated Press (4/9/2015)

Experts say senior citizens wind up spending their savings until they hit their last \$2,000, and at that point they can turn to Medicaid, the government's health insurance for the poor, to help cover the bill. As a result, Medicaid pays for more than half of the country's long-term care bill. That cost accounts for more than a quarter of Medicaid spending, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. [Read more.](#)

Slow Fade

The Rotarian (April 2015)

Alzheimer's affects more than five million people in the United States. Now there is new hope to stop this withering disease. [Read more.](#)

How to Catch Up with Retirement

USA Today (4/2/2015)

USA TODAY's retirement columnist Rodney Brooks talks to Jeanne Thompson, a vice president at Fidelity about saving aggressively for retirement. [View.](#)

Conference on LGBT Aging, Health Care Provides Cultural Competency Perspective

UDaily (3/27/2015)

In the documentary Gen Silent, a lesbian couple talks about a friend who "went back into the closet" after entering a nursing home. Openly gay before he fell ill, he began to fear harassment from orderlies and other seniors, and he stopped associating with other gay people.

[Read more.](#)

Aging in the World

Dutch Nursing Home Offers Rent-free Housing to Students

PBS Newshour (4/4/2015)

Six students from area universities Saxion and Windesheim share the building with approximately 160 seniors. They are allowed to come and go as they please, as long as they follow one rule: Do not be a nuisance to the elderly. [Read more.](#)

Field Resources

[Association on Aging in New York/Aging NY](#)

[NY State Office for the Aging](#)

[Aging and Disability Resource Center, technical assistance \(ADRC\)](#)

[Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#)

[National Association of Area Agencies on Aging \(n4a\)](#)

Members Only

Leadership Institute Dates for AAA Members

Aging-NY (June 2015)

Save the date -- October 20-22, 2015 -- for Leadership Institute to take place in Geneva, NY. Aging-NY's Leadership Institute is a 2.5 day strategic planning session to advance aging issues and develop public policy objectives. [Click here](#) for more.

Don't Miss Members Only

Aging-NY (April 2015)

In an effort to track the development of the \$6.4 Billion reform of New York State's health care delivery system, check out Aging-NY's DSRIP in the News page. And bookmark it to return to for updates. [Click here](#).

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