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Trending Topics

New York State to provide recommendations to the 2015 White House Conference on Aging

Aging-NY (3/4/2015)

Do you have ideas for how New York and the nation can improve long term services and supports, make retirement more secure for New Yorkers, promote health aging and protect our elders from abuse? Provide input on your perspective by answering New York's Survey of more of our survey questions and let your voice be heard. [Read more.](#)

Aging Committee Chairs Appointed: Senator Serino and Assemblyman Cymbrowitz

Daily Freeman and Democrat & Chronicle (2/5/2015)

Lots of changes in the Legislature this year including two new chairs for the Aging Committee, Sen. Sue Serino, R-Hyde Park, has been tapped by Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos to head the Senate Committee on Aging. [Read more.](#) Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz, D-Brooklyn, received his appointment from new Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie. [Read more.](#)



Sen. Sue Serino (center) was congratulated on her recent appointment as Chair of the Senate Aging Committee by Patricia Sheehy (left), Putnam County Office for Aging Director, and Laura Cameron (right) the Executive Director of the Association on Aging in NY.

Budget, Ethics Overhaul Challenges Face New Speaker of New York State Assembly

Daily Freeman (2/7/2015)

Legislative ethics reform. A higher minimum wage. The Dream Act. A \$142 billion state budget. Carl Heastie faces no small list of challenges as he



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Maria Shriver and Rob Lowe Discuss Long Term Care

[Aging-NY Calendar of Events](#)

takes over as speaker of the New York state Assembly following the arrest of longtime leader Sheldon Silver. [Read more.](#)



Carl E. Heastie took his seat for the first time as NYS Assembly Speaker Feb. 3rd. He's the state's first African-American speaker.

In June, #ACUU2015 is the place to be.
June 9 & 10 in Albany!

Aging in New York

Governor Cuomo Outlines \$142 Billion State Budget

Reuters (1/21/2015)

Gov. Cuomo, who has been talked of as a possible Democratic presidential candidate, outlined a broad vision for the state in a 90-minute speech that ranged from trade relations with Cuba to an overhaul of the state's public education system. [Read more.](#)

DSRIP Program Moves Forward with Oversight

Aging-NY (2/28/2015) The Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) Oversight Panel met in February during Presidents Week and voted on the subjective components of DSRIP's 25 Performing Provider System project plans that are positioned to change the way health care is delivered in New York State. [Read more.](#) If you want to learn how you can join the Association on Aging in NY as an Affiliate Member and get important updates on DSRIP and other aging-related issues, [click here.](#)



The Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) oversight panel.

Behavioral Health Focus Among Medicaid Redesign Efforts

Buffalo Business First (1/20/2015)

Nearly every hospital group across New York involved in a Medicaid overhaul program has opted to include in their plans a focus on integration of behavioral health and primary care. [Read more.](#)

Monroe Named Co-chair of Statewide Medicaid Panel

Buffalo Business First (1/12/2015)

Monroe is among several members of the governor's Medicaid redesign team who make up the panel's 18 voting members, along with professionals from academia, private foundations and other private healthcare research and consulting organizations. The 26-member panel also includes eight non-voting state officials. [Read more.](#)

Mario Cuomo's Final Moments Spent Listening to Speech

Daily News (1/3/2015)

Knowing how much the former governor looked forward to the day, family members used an iPad and headphones to give former Gov. Mario Cuomo an opportunity to listen in from his Manhattan apartment. Nearly five hours later, while Andrew Cuomo was in Buffalo completing his second inauguration speech of the day, Mario Cuomo took his last breath. [Read more.](#)

Join Today and Receive our Latest DSRIP Update

In response to requests to join the Association on Aging in NY, we've created the Affiliate Member program – to make you part of our team. Whether you're a provider, a subcontractor or a community based care professional, [click here](#) for two easy ways to join Aging-NY and receive "Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program Moves Forward with Oversight."



Aging in the Community

[Director Profile Series](#)

New Seneca Nation of Indians Office for the Aging Director, Lesley Kennedy, Sees Health Disparities Shrink

Aging-NY (January 2015)

Native Americans have long experienced lower life expectancy because of inadequate education, disproportionate poverty, discrimination in the delivery of health services, and cultural differences. But that trend is reversing. [Read more.](#)

St. Regis Mohawk Welcomes New Director Lora Lee La France and a Focus on Prevention

Aging-NY (January 2015)

What does the St. Regis Mohawk Office for the Aging have in common with the Seneca Nation Indians Office for the Aging? Two things: a new office for Aging Director and a focus on prevention. [Read more.](#)

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Director Updates

Aging-NY (2/25/2015)

In January and February, Genesee County Office for the Aging Director Pam Whitmore retired. Ruth Spink has been appointed and is the new Genesee County Office for the Aging Director. If you have update to share, contact Aging-NY at (518) 449-7080.

News from Around the State

LiveOn NY Conference in New York City

On January 20th, the Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City unveiled their new name, LiveOn NY, during their annual conference. White House Conference on Aging Executive Director Nora Super provided an update on the WHCoA during the general session.



The **New York City** aging services community gathered at the Live On conference in January with (l to r) White House Conference on Aging Executive Director Nora Super; New York State Office for the Aging Director Corinda Crossdale and Association on Aging in New York Executive Director Laura Cameron. #TransformAgingNY

Challenges of Caring for Cayuga County's Aging Population Subject of Roundtable

Auburn Citizen (January 2015)

Every day for the next 19 years, about 10,000 Americans will celebrate their 65th birthday. Cayuga County's population has followed a similar pattern.

[Read more.](#)

Grant Serves At-Risk Medicaid Patients

Ithaca Journal (1/20/2015)

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging received a \$223,365 grant from the New York State Balancing Incentive Program Innovation Fund to fund a transitions program to serve high-risk Medicaid beneficiaries [Read more.](#)

Fight Isolation, Stay Active

Auburn Citizen (1/13/2015)

One re-occurring issue in our discussions with seniors and health-care professionals working with the elderly is the need to increase opportunities

for social activities. [Read more.](#)

Aging in the Nation

Complexities of Choosing an End Game for Dementia

NYTimes (1/19/2015)

Experts know of just a handful of people with directives like Mr. Medalie's. But dementia rates and numbers have begun a steep ascent, already afflicting an estimated 30 percent of those older than 85. [Read more.](#)

Federal Judge Stands in the Way of Minimum Wage for Home Care Workers

New Republic (January 2015)

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Leon wrote in his December opinion that the rule would "have a destabilizing impact on the entire home care industry and will adversely affect access to home care services for millions of the elderly and infirm. [Read more.](#)

Aging Baby Boomers Drive Assisted Living Market

PRNewswire (1/22/2015)

The assisted living market is growing at a rate of 7.6% as providers attempt to prepare for the huge escalation in the need for care from aging Baby Boomers, according to Kalorama Information. [Read more.](#)

At 90, She's Designing Tech For Aging Boomers

NPR (1/19/2015)

In Silicon Valley's youth-obsessed culture, 40-year-olds get plastic surgery to fit in. But IDEO, the firm that famously developed the first mouse for Apple, has a 90-year-old designer on staff. [Read more.](#)

Morris Therapists go Mobile as Seniors Age in Place

Daily Record (1/21/2015)

For some Morris County seniors, the walls of their homes can come to feel less like a comfort and more like a barrier to life. Behind those walls, problems mount-physical maladies, loneliness, grief as friends and loved ones die, mounting bills. If left unchecked, mental health experts say, these emotional challenges can worsen, compound, and lead to depression and anxiety. [Read more.](#)

Bob Dylan On Aging

NewsCut (1/22/2015)

Bob Dylan has given his first interview in more than three years -- to AARP Magazine. [Click here.](#) For a song of his latest album, click below.



Bob Dylan - Full Moon And Empty Arms (Audio)

Aging in the World

Gene Linked to Long Life also Protects Against Mental Decline in Old Age

The Guardian (1/27/2015)

People who carry a mutated gene linked to longer lifespan have extra tissue in part of the brain that seems to protect them against mental decline in old age. [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

Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP)

Aging-NY

In an effort to reform the health care delivery system in New York State, the State is reinvesting \$6.4 billion of the \$8 billion Medicaid Waiver, approved by the federal government in April 2014, into something called DSRIP - the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program. [Click here](#) for a Table of Contents.

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