

Highlights of Important Actions for Respite and Support for Family Caregivers

White House Executive Order on Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting Caregivers

Increase compensation and improve job quality for family caregivers, early educators, and long-term care workers.

- ❑ Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) directed to consider issuing regulations and guidance to improve the quality of home care jobs, including leveraging Medicaid funding to ensure there are enough home care workers to provide care to older adults and people with disabilities enrolled in Medicaid.
- ❑ To support family caregivers, Secretary of HHS directed to consider whether to select for testing by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation an innovative new health care payment and service delivery model focused on dementia care that would include family caregiver supports such as respite care.
- ❑ Secretary of HHS directed to take steps to ensure hospitals are actively involving family caregivers in the hospital discharge planning process by promoting best practices such as partnerships with community-based organizations and using resources from the Administration for Community Living and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- ❑ Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) is directed to consider modifications to eligibility criteria for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers; and to develop and implement video telehealth for family caregivers enrolled in that program to increase their access to mental health services.
- ❑ Secretary of Labor directed to undertake specific tasks to improve jobs of long-term care workers and improve data and information on the care workforce.

Make care more accessible and affordable for families.

- ❑ Agencies are instructed to identify and issue guidance on which agency discretionary, formula, and program-specific funds can be used for long-term care as a supportive service for workers who are being trained for and working on federally funded projects.

- ❑ Agencies should consider requirement that applicants for Federal job-creation or workforce development funds provide child care and long-term care for workers carrying out federally assisted projects.
- ❑ Secretaries of Departments of Labor and HHS in consultation with the Department of Commerce are directed to issue guidance and technical assistance with best practices and models for how to provide supportive services, including child care and long-term care.

Expand options for families by building the supply of care.

- ❑ The Secretary of Health and Human Services will consider rulemaking to improve access to home- and community-based services under Medicaid.
- ❑ The Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection is encouraged to consider developing financial guidance resources that support families during their care planning.
- ❑ Secretary of Veterans Affairs should consider expanding the existing Veteran Directed Care Program — which provides veterans who need help with daily living with a budget to spend on home- and community-based services including personal care services — to all Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers by the end of Fiscal Year 2024.
- ❑ Secretary of Agriculture directed to use the Rural Partners Network and issue guidance developed in partnership with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promote opportunities to increase access to child care and long-term care in rural and Tribal communities.

Link to ***Executive Order on Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting Caregivers***: www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/18/executive-order-on-increasing-access-to-high-quality-care-and-supporting-caregivers

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