2008 Legislative Highlights and Future Strategies

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Although a formidable budget deficit dominated the 2008 Legislative Session, Care Providers of Minnesota staff and members nonetheless urged legislators to make our long-term care funding priorities their top tier priorities, as well...

The 2008 Legislative Session began February 12th, with legislators focusing on three issues: transportation, bonding, and the environment. When the February forecast was released two weeks later, the future looked grim for long-term care – a budget deficit of $373 million in November 2007 had tripled to nearly $1 billion, making it highly likely that cuts in funding, rather than any increases, would be made to older adult services.

Nonetheless, Care Providers of Minnesota staff and members advocated for legislators to make long-term care funding a top priority this legislative session. Now, with just days to go before the Session ends, we wait to see whether our efforts have been successful. As this brochure goes to print, the Legislature has approved a budget bill that not only preserves the 2% COLA for home and community-based services and funding to begin nursing facility rate rebasing, it also allocates new money to give nursing facilities a permanent 1% COLA and a temporary 1% rate increase.

Whether this budget proposal holds and the Governor signs it will play out in these final days. You can learn about all of this year’s results, as well as the challenges ahead, at the Legislative Highlights seminar. [Attendees will also receive a bound copy of the 2008 Legislative Update.]
Program

Continental Breakfast (check-in 8:30 am)

Education Sessions (begin at 9 am)

Current State of Affairs in Minnesota and Nationally
An update on AHCANCA's efforts at the federal level and Care Providers of Minnesota efforts in Minnesota to preserve long-term care funding and policies.

Patti Cullen, CAE, President & CEO
Care Providers of Minnesota

2008 Legislative Highlights
A recap of the Legislative session and specific bills of interest to Care Providers of Minnesota, plus how the state's budget deficit defined the 2008 Legislature's dynamics.

Larry Johnson, Government Affairs Specialist
Jon Lips, Vice President of Advocacy
Care Providers of Minnesota

The Three “Rs”: Rebasing, Rates and Revenue
Description and discussion of 2008 rate increases for home and community-based services and facilities, including a review of rebasing.

Todd Bergstrom, Director of Research & Payment
Care Providers of Minnesota

Networking Lunch

Education Sessions

No Rest for the Weary
How the November election will affect the 2009 legislative session and how you and your organization can maximize our new grassroots advocacy tools to reach legislators and other elected officials.

Larry Johnson, Government Affairs Specialist
Jon Lips, Vice President of Advocacy
Lisa Olson, Director of PR/Communications
Care Providers of Minnesota

Planning for the Future for Older Adult Services—Beyond the 2009 Session

Moderator
Patti Cullen, CAE, President & CEO
Care Providers of Minnesota

Panelists
Legislative Perspective
Representative Paul Thissen, 63A, Chair
Health and Human Services Policy Committee

Administration Perspective
Loren Colman
Assistant DHS Commissioner

Consumer Perspective
Pam Zimmerman
Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging

Provider Perspective
Howard A. Geoff, President
Tealwood Care Centers

Legislative Highlights Concludes (3:15 pm)

Details

Date: June 26, 2008

Where: University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Conference Center
1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul

Time: 9:00 am – 3:15 pm (8:30 am check-in)

Cost: $125 Members / $175 Non-Members
(includes continental breakfast, lunch and break refreshments)

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