



Ask Your Legislator to Vote "Yes" For Choice in Long-Term Care

The Michigan House of Representatives soon will vote on House Bill 5389, which will provide consumers "one-stop" shopping for long-term care information, services, and payment alternatives. AARP supports this bill because it does away with consumer confusion over long-term care alternatives. It won't cost the state any new money because care management spending will be shifted to the new single points of entry created by the bill. Help make Michigan like at least 30 other states with similar systems. Call the toll-free AARP Long-Term Care Hotline. You will be asked for your ZIP code and then transferred to the office of your State Representative. **Please urge him or her to vote "Yes" for House Bill 5389.**

TALKING POINTS

- The Single Point Entry agencies of House Bill 5389 will provide Michigan consumers and working families desperately needed **"one-stop shopping"** for all long-term care information, services and payment alternatives.
- HB 5389 **WON'T COST THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ANY NEW MONEY** as existing State Care Management spending will be shifted to fund the Bill's SPEs.
- HB 5389 **WILL SAVE THE STATE OF MICHIGAN MONEY** since SPEs have proven their ability to put actual controls on Medicaid spending in the 30 other states that already have an SPE system.
- HB 5389 as written is based on comprehensive Michigan and national expertise – including the concrete experiences of success of those 30 other states – which is why the Michigan Medicaid Long-Term Care Task Force voted unanimously for SPEs in their Final Report: members endorsing it were comprised of all profit and non-profit nursing home organizations, home health, and consumer groups.
- Michigan's SPE Legislation guarantees **FULL CHOICE** to consumers for where and how they will receive long-term care supports and services, whether those be chosen in nursing homes, their own homes, apartments, adult foster care or anywhere else: SPEs will provide **completely unbiased information** and assessment whenever needed and however much is desired by the individual.
- Legislation is needed **NOW** – current SPE piloting is only for ironing out and testing models to identify **administrative policies** needed for full statewide implementation – the **SPE Law is already proven to be necessary**, as already determined by the statewide, bi-partisan stakeholder expertise and investigation of the Medicaid Long-Term Care Task Force. HB 5389 does not conflict with nor need it hinder these pilots. The time for further delay is long over -- we need to start saving money and creating real choices YESTERDAY – **PASS HB 5389!**

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