



## NANASP PRESENTS A SPECIAL WEBINAR EVENT:

### ELECTION 2016 – WHAT DO THE RESULTS MEAN FOR AGING POLICY?

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## Election 2016

- Election for the ages with surprise outcome: Trump-Pence
- Republicans retain Senate majority right now: 51-48. Still waiting on Louisiana election
- Republicans retain House majority—slightly smaller than current Congress
- Governors—33 R, 16 D, and 1 independent

## Where Are We and Where Do We Go?

- Time to move on
- Need to start planning as Trump/Congress are
- Trump and Republican majority will be ready on January 20... think Reagan and Obama
- Already seeing separation from campaign rhetoric to the reality of governing

## What Will Happen?

- Infrastructure, ACA, tax cuts will be where it is at to start
- Remember again as Obama learned in 2010...
- One party rule can and will be messy

## Lame Duck Session

- Before new President and Congress, existing Congress must finish its work
- Called lame duck session and it's underway
- Only thing has to be done—funding for FY 2017
- Question is extension of short term Continuing Resolution (CR) or something else
- Now looks like punting again until March

## Funding Levels

- If something changes—NANASP/MOWA and others continue to advocate for higher funding levels and against cuts
- TitleIIC Nutrition and Title VI Nutrition: House numbers better
- Elder justice: Senate numbers
- State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs): Senate eliminated funding, House restored—prefer House
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP): Senate cut by \$34 million, House restored—prefer House
- Continuing Resolution (CR) averts any cuts in SHIP and SCSEP

## FY 2016-2017 Funding

Program	FY16 Final	FY17 Pres	FY17 House	FY17 Senate
IIC Senior Nutrition	\$835 million	\$848 million	\$848 million	\$835 million
IIB HCBS	\$347 million	\$358 million	\$353 million	\$347 million
VI Native American Nutrition	\$31.1 million	\$31.1 million	\$31.2 million	\$26 million
SCSEP	\$434 million	\$434 million	\$434 million	\$400 million
SHIPs	\$52 million	\$52 million	\$52 million	0
Elder Justice Initiative	\$8 million	\$10 million	\$8 million	\$10 million

## Lame Duck: Anything Else?

- Possible action on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures bill
- Modernizing health care research, delivery, innovations to move us into this century
- Reforms to NIH, FDA
- New focus on precision medicine
- Major bipartisan bill
- Beyond that...?

## Between the Lame Duck and Jan 20, 2017

- Trump-Pence administration taking shape
- Appointments made to date of interest to NANASP
  - AG, HHS Secretary, CMS
- Ones not yet made of interest to NANASP
  - ACL, FDA, CDC
  - USDA Secretary
    - Undersecretary for Food and Nutrition
  - DOL Secretary
    - Employment and Training Administration

## Other Important Appointments

- HUD Secretary
- DOT Secretary
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- Social Security Administrator
- White House Advisor?
- Big ticket confirmations aimed to be done by Jan. 20; all could be under trifecta rules

## Changes in New Senate

- Leadership: so far Schumer only big one
- Murray and Sanders in new leadership roles
- Committee changes not too major so far in Senate
- Casey top D on Senate Aging

## Changes in New House

- Three important changes
- New Chair of Energy and Commerce (E&C)
- New Chair of Health Subcommittee in E&C
- New Chair of House Education and Workforce

## It's January 20—Now What?

- What happens in first 100 days?
- Promises vs. real policy
- Affordable Care Act (ACA) an early test
  - Not a repeal... but what?
  - Pre-existing condition protection—saved
  - Young adult coverage—saved
- After that?
- Will force Trump and Republicans to do an alternative?

## “Replace” Package

- Mandate for coverage
- Exchanges and their future?
- IPAB
- What may happen first...
- Funding for CMMI

## ACA and Medicare Reform

- Resolving inconsistent positions
- Trump supports Medicare but opposes ACA
- Important reforms to Medicare in ACA
- Do they last?
- Value based purchasing, independence at home, care transitions, ACO?
- Part D and closing of donut hole?
- Unclear how changes to ACA impact Medicare

## Medicare Reform

- Deeper interest in Medicare reform by House Speaker Ryan
- Transform Medicare as it's known today to a private voucher system known as premium support
- Limit on how much government pays
- Will be resisted on many fronts including NANASP and likely Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO)

## Medicaid Reform

- Medicaid also impacted by ACA changes
- What happens to expansion? Both in states that have or are considering?
  - SD one example of a state giving up on expansion
- Does it lead to advancing a block granting of Medicaid?
- Control to states—lower Federal commitment
- Comes at time when HCBS spending higher than institutional care under Medicaid

## Block Granting Medicaid

- Does what to...
  - ▣ Waivers?
  - ▣ LTSS activities in the states?
  - ▣ Integrated care?
- Much to learn
- NANASP watching closely

## Budget Agreement

- Also in 2017 new budget agreement needed
- 2 year deal done
- Averted sequestration allowed some increases
- What follows
- Is deficit fervor dying down?
- Answer may rest with a certain 2017 issue
- Infrastructure investment. How big, how deep, how wide?

## Infrastructure

- Interesting Obama-Trump parallel
- Obama starts with stimulus
- Trump to start with something like it
- Stock market likes it
- Question: what goes under the tent?
- More than fixing roads, bridges?
- Improved housing
- Transportation beyond just roads?
- Investments in nutrition?

## How Can We Broaden?

- The job creation opportunities are a big selling point
- How to broaden the investment argument as part of this bill?
- Age friendly/ livable communities
- Can we address homelessness?
- Invest in safety net program to lower poverty?
- Time will tell

## The Older Americans Act (OAA) in 2017

- OAA in 2017—a quiet year or...?
- Technically about implementation of the 2016 reauthorization but
- Since only 3 years—and new players
- Do we reopen the discussion?
- Future of ACL?
- Data project

## Combating Nutrition Issues

- Also hoped for in 2017
- New initiatives to combat three threats to older adult health
- Malnutrition, senior hunger, food insecurity
- Investing in existing programs: OAA, SNAP, SFM, CSFP and their ability to promote better health
- Invest in more and better screening





## Resources

- rblancato@matzblancato.com
- www.nanasp.org
- NANASP Vaccine Resources: nanasp.org/vaccines
- Defeat Malnutrition Today: defeatmalnutrition.today
- Medicare Plan Finder: medicare.gov/find-a-plan
- Transition team: greatagain.gov

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