

Dept of Aging

Bi-weekly Check-in

Update on Bills that were recently passed

Budget Bill (General Appropriations Act) –

- \$45+ billion budget
- Department received \$1.3m (to add some staff in protective services)

Fiscal Code – HB 1421 (Thomas) –As part of the budget package, the General Assembly passed the Fiscal Code, which acts as the spending instructions for the budget and is used to disburse ARPA funding. Here are some of the highlights of the NEW Fiscal Code:

- Allocates \$250M in ARPA funding for long-term living – this includes:
 - \$131M for non-public and County nursing facilities
 - \$74.9M for home health care agencies, home care agencies and direct care workers
 - \$26.77M for personal care homes and assisted living
 - \$6.96M for adult daycare services
 - \$535k for residential habilitation
 - \$4.28M payments for MA ventilator or tracheostomy assistance
 - \$5.4M for LIFE Providers
- Increases Property Tax Rent Rebate Program payments by 70%
- Increase Domiciliary Care Home payments to \$634.30 for individuals and \$1,347.40 for couples (about a \$200 increase)
- Increases Personal Care Home payments to \$639.30 for individuals and \$1,357.40 for couples (about a \$200 increase)
- House Option Grant Program to help create new low-income housing
- \$4M to 2-1-1 program
- \$25M in ARPA funding for LiHEAP