

Florida Council on Aging Positions on Legislative Issues 2009

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Notes</u>
N/A	Support the increase in CCE general revenue funding.	Yes	FCOA has supported this issue since 2002. (See attached for additional information). FCOA Advocacy Committee recommends that the Board continue to support the increase in CCE general revenue funding.
State	Medicaid Reform (Florida Senior Care)	No	FCOA Advocacy Committee recommends that the Board vote to not support Medicaid Reform (Florida Senior Care). No further expansion of acute care pilots; favor the creation of workgroups to propose alternatives for health and long-term care reform, inclusive of Medicaid. Additionally, ensure long-term care reforms are not included as part of any potential expansion (i.e. rolling Florida Senior Care into acute care pilots)
State	Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)	No	FCOA Advocacy Committee recommends that the Board vote to oppose legislative proposals that would implement TABOR provisions.

MAINTAIN THE COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM

Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program FACT SHEET (Updated September 23, 2008)

The CCE Program, which serves frail elders age 60 and older, provides case management, in-home and an array of community-based services making it possible for physically and cognitively impaired, low income older adults to “age in place” at home

The CCE Program is administered by non-profit and local governmental Lead Agencies across Florida, who also administer the Medicaid Aged & Disabled Waiver, Medicaid Assisted Living for the Elderly Waiver, and Home Care for the Elderly Programs (A CUT TO CCE WILL AFFECT CAPACITY IN ALL PROGRAMS)

During State Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the **CCE Program served 16,352** Frail Elders Statewide

The **CCE Program** is **Cost Effective** The **CCE Program** serves as a **Diversion to Nursing Home Placement**

Comparison Annual Costs Per Elder (Source: DOEA, 2007)

PROGRAM	ANNUAL COST PER ELDER FLORIDIAN
Community Care for the Elderly	\$ 4,680.00
Medicaid Aged & Disabled Waiver	\$ 7,933.00
Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative	\$ 8,323.00
Medicaid Assisted Living for the Elderly Waiver	\$ 8,740.00
Medicaid Nursing Home Diversion Program	\$ 21,063.00
Nursing Home	\$ 44,836.00

Projections in Nursing Home Savings (Source: DOEA, 2007)

PROJECTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Annual Nursing Home Costs WITHOUT the CCE Program	\$ 170,098,327.00
Annual SAVINGS due to the CCE PROGRAM	\$ 122,991,504.00
Monthly Saving per CCE Client	\$ 1,121.25

The **CCE Program** is **Essential to Older Adults Remaining at Home** (Source: DOEA, 2007)

- 98.2% of frail elders served by the CCE Program remain at home annually
- 87.6% of caregivers served by the CCE Program report likelihood to continue to provide care
- 94% of caregivers served by the CCE Program maintaining or improving ability to provide care

CCE Program Funding Reality

- CCE Program Funding covers case management, in-home health care and community based supports; Lead Agencies are not “making” money or covering administrative costs from providing CCE Program services
- CCE Program Lead Agency status typically goes to the lowest unit cost bidding provider
- **The last significant statewide increase to the CCE Program was in 1999**
- CCE Program Lead Agencies are supplementing current CCE Program Funding with dollars raised through grants, fund-raising and local governmental matches
- CCE Program Lead Agencies are supplementing their current CCE Program Funding to cover Unfunded State Mandates such as serving high risk Adult Protective Services (APS) referrals regardless of available CCE Program funding
- The total reduction to the CCE line for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 08-09 was \$2,111,383

Current Statewide CCE Program Wait-list Data (Source: DOEA - August 28, 2008)

- PSA 1 - 594 (CCE), 71 (HCE)
- PSA 2 - 1,036 (CCE), 103 (HCE)
- PSA 3 - 1,874 (CCE), 238 (HCE)
- PSA 4 - 2,494 (CCE), 149 (HCE)
- PSA 5 - 860 (CCE), 64 (HCE)
- PSA 6 - 3,282 (CCE), 177 (HCE)
- PSA 7 - 2,229 (CCE), 179 (HCE)
- PSA 8 - 1,601 (CCE), 114 (HCE)
- PSA 9 - 2,326 (CCE), 123 (HCE)
- PSA 10 - 121 (CCE), 70 (HCE)
- PSA 11 - 2,084 (CCE), 676 (HCE)

Total Current Statewide CCE Wait-list = 18,501

Outcomes for CCE Wait-listed Elders (DOEA SFYs 06-07 & 07-08)

State Fiscal Year 06-07	CCE Program	HCE Program	Total	Difference between SFY 06-07 to SFY 07-08
# of waitlisted elders who died	1523	191	1714	
# of wait-listed elders who were placed in a nursing home	739	68	807	
# of wait-listed elders who were placed in assisted living	115	2	117	
# of wait-listed consumers who improved	156	5	161	
State Fiscal Year 07-08				
# of waitlisted elders who died	2000	272	2272	(+558 / +33%)
# of wait-listed elders who were placed in a nursing home	712	70	782	
# of wait-listed elders who were placed in assisted living	89	4	93	
Lost contact (could also represent death or placement)	636	59	695	No 06-07 Data
# of wait-listed elders who improved	57	2	59	(-58 / -50%)

Associated Costs and Projected Savings (Based on DOEA Data)

- The annual cost of 807 elders in a nursing home is \$36,182,652.00.
- The annual cost of these same elders in the CCE Program \$3,776,760.00; a \$32,405,892.00 saving to the State of Florida.
- The annual cost of 782 elders in a nursing home is \$35,061,752.00.
- The annual cost of these same elders in the CCE Program \$3,659,760.00; a \$31,401,992 savings to the State of Florida.
- **Combined State of Florida savings for SFYs 06-07 & 07-08 with an adequately funded statewide CCE Program would have equated to at least \$63,807,884.00.**