

2024 NVAN Priorities

LEGISLATIVE

- To reduce evictions, increase from 5 days to 14 days the grace period before any landlord or property manager may issue a written notice of non-payment of rent, before seeking judicial proceedings.
- Expand public access and transparency by allowing electronic (all-virtual) meetings for advisory boards and commissions, with no restrictions on the number of meetings per year.
- Require all new assisted living facilities to set aside 2% of total units for Auxiliary Grant recipients to expand access for low-income individuals.

BUDGET

- Increase the Auxiliary Grant rate for assisted living facilities to \$2,500.
- Require employers to provide at least ten days of paid sick leave for all workers, including direct care workers in nursing homes, assisted living, and home care.
- Require guardians to complete initial and ongoing training as a condition of their service; and direct DARS to develop such training.

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CONTINUING CONCERNS

- Appropriate full funding needed (\$1,748,700) to bring the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program up to the state and national standard.
- Authorize mentally capable adults who are terminally ill to request Medical Aid in Dying.
- Direct the Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC) to study the comprehensive needs of incarcerated older adults and those returning to the community.
- Fund home and community-based services through Area Agencies on Aging.
- Require Medicaid to cover the cost of hearing aids.
- Require that nursing homes and assisted living facilities employ or have access to a full-time infection preventionist.

ABOUT NVAN

NVAN includes the Commissions on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging of Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, as well as regional service and advocacy organizations.

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