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LeadingAge PA will be a leading force in **modernizing, organizing, and energizing the aging services ecosystem.**

Our vision for **LTSS Evolve** is to lay a new foundation for long-term care in Pennsylvania -- one which allows providers to play an active role in evolving how they care for older adults, with the goal of spending more time directly engaging with care recipients and being valued in their local communities and across the Commonwealth.



is an ongoing movement led by LeadingAge PA that strives to **keep care recipients at the center** of the aging services ecosystem in Pennsylvania.

It aims to **identify and address antiquated, redundant, and overly burdensome long-term services and supports (LTSS) rules, regulations, policies, and guidances** by engaging policymakers at the state level.

These outdated requirements often result in unnecessary costs and impede the provision of true quality care by taking away **valuable time and resources that could be better spent serving residents or participants.**

Centered around **direct input from mission-driven providers** across the aging services ecosystem, **LTSS Evolve** is the driving force behind LeadingAge PA's advocacy efforts to find modern regulatory and legislative solutions to problematic state provisions.

2023 Timeline

- **February:** Formed Core Advisory Group
- **April:** Member Listening Sessions
- **May:** Formal announcement, engagement of legislative and agency leaders
- **Ongoing:** Collect input through online form and events/presentations
 - www.leadingagepa.org/feedbackform
- **Summer:** Develop action proposals
- **Fall:** Begin strategic implementation
- **Winter:** Evaluate status and set goals for 2024

"Care plans in **nursing** have become so robust and time-consuming...

...they are not realistic and **take away time for hands on care.**"

Feedback so far...

"A caregiver can help with 'hand over hand' assistance, loosening cap, etc. but can't actually administer meds... we need **med techs in home care.**"

"Policy for 14-day re-evaluation of PRN Ativan or morphine doesn't make sense in **hospice**..."

...we should be able to have a standing order so it's available when the resident needs it."

Feedback so far...

"We were cited in **personal care** for exceeding time because a resident was in the bathroom and couldn't finish and leave during a fire drill. **There is a lack of respect for residents in meeting fire drill requirements.**"



What do you wish employees or caregivers at your community could do for you that they can't due to specific rules, regulations, policies, etc.?

Are there any policies or regulations you feel prevent your community from being able to fully meet your needs and preferences?

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