

## State Public Policy Update –November 2011

### Legislative Update

As of Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Governor Brown has acted on all bills passed by the Legislature during the first year of the two-year session. Amongst the bills signed into law were 10 pieces of priority legislation for the Alzheimer's Association. These bills covered a variety of topics, aimed at improving care and protections for those with Alzheimer's, as well as mandating residential care facilities for the elderly notify family members when their facility is facing potential foreclosure.

The Governor did veto one priority bill that would have restricted banks and credit unions' use of signature stamps and increased the penalty for those who attempt to use signature stamps to steal or defraud elder and dependent adults.

In addition to these bills, another 14 priority bills are still being discussed in Legislative hearings, which resume in January, 2012. The Alzheimer's Association will continue to support these 14 bills throughout the legislative process.

For a complete list of our priority bills, please visit our [State Policy Office](#) website.

### Update on Adult Day Health Care

Multiple organizations, including the Alzheimer's Association, have been involved in grassroots advocacy efforts to highlight the benefits of Adult Day Health Care and the negative impact of elimination. Local chapters have organized dozens of meetings with members of the Legislature to try and keep pressure on the Governor to further delay elimination until March 31, 2012.

While elimination is still scheduled to occur on December 1, an injunction filed by Disability Rights California is scheduled to be heard November 8. In the absence of further delay by the Governor, this injunction is arguably the most likely means to save Adult Day Health Care at this time.

### Trigger Cuts Appear Increasingly Likely

Revenues were over \$300 million below projections in September, further increasing the likelihood that additional budget cuts will be implemented in December. Included in the additional cuts would be a \$110 million reduction to In-Home Supportive Services. \$100 million would be cut through reduced service hours, while the remaining \$10 million would be cut from current anti-fraud efforts.

### Date for 2012 Advocacy Day Confirmed

Advocacy Day 2012 has been set for Wednesday, March 28, 2012 in Sacramento. More details, including registration forms, etc., will be available in December.