

ADDENDUM TO CCOA MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
Statement by Federal Policy Committee Chair

Recognizing that health care is often seen as the most important challenge to older adults and that an increasingly vital component of health care is that which is provided by caregivers at home, the CCoA voted to support the following bills in the US Congress:

S.1151/H.R.2505, Credit for Caring Act of 2017, which will provide a new tax credit for "eligible caregivers" whose income and expenses for providing care to a spouse or other dependent relative with long-term care needs meet certain criteria.

S.1028, RAISE Family Caregivers Act, which includes direction to the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a Caregiving Advisory Council and to periodically update a National Family Caregiving Strategy.

The CCoA also voted to oppose reduction or limitation of funding to the senior programs listed by the National Council on Aging, Aging Program Funding document.

The CCoA separately voted to emphasize the need to maintain two programs deemed crucial to seniors. They are the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) which provides Medicare advising and Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) which provides job training and employment to older individuals.