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Legislative Update for PAELA Winter Conference

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Review of 2017 Public Policy Committee Activities

- **ABLE Changes in ACT 43-** Allows a deduction for contributions to an ABLE account and exempts undistributed earnings in the ABLE account and distributions.
- **Opposition to Department Merger-** PAELA opposed efforts by the Wolf Administration to merge the Departments of Human Services, Aging, Health and Drug and Alcohol Policy. PAELA testified at a Senate hearing on the issue.
- **Maximus and the Aging Waiver-** PAELA voiced concerns and complaints about Maximus performance to the Department of Human Services.



What to Expect in 2018

- **Budget Update and Fiscal Overview**
- **Important Legislative Issues**
- **Pennsylvania Political Landscape**
 - PA Governor's Race
 - State of Pennsylvania's Congressional Districts
 - Control of the Pennsylvania House and Senate



PALEA Public Policy Issues

- **Proposed OPSA Changes:** Stakeholder group forming to review draft language. PAELA is a part of this process and will be drafting a letter detailing concerns.
- **SB 827- Digital Assets Legislation**
- **SB 623 and HB 1196:** Pennsylvania Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST). PAELA is supporting both Bills.
- **SB 884:** This Bill contains the recommendations of the 2012 JSGC's Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws report: "Guardianship Law: Proposed Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code."



PAELA Public Policy Issues (Con't)

- **HB 1829 and SB 912:** HCBS Presumptive Eligibility. PAELA has signed on to a Home Care Associations of PA letter of support. HB 1829 has passed the House and is in the Senate
- **SB 113:** “Peter Falk’s Law”
- **HB 1886:** Court review of guardian reports
- **SB 299:** PAELA opposes



PAELA Public Policy Issues (Con't)

- **Issues PAELA is Monitoring**
 - **Roll out of CHC in Southwest PA and future implementation**
 - **New Functional Eligibility Determination Tool**
 - **Independent Enrollment Broker (IEB) RFP**
 - **Maximus**



- Questions