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2005 Indiana General Assembly and Governor Daniels take positive steps to re-balance spending on long term health care in Indiana

The General Assembly passed and Governor Mitch Daniels signed an important piece of legislation this spring that can have significant impacts on the availability of home and community based care in this state and the implementation of 2003's Senate Enrolled Act 493.

SEA 615, authored by Senator Greg Server (R-Evansville), extends implementation deadlines contained within 2003's SEA 493 and strengthens consumer representation on Indiana's CHOICE board. Many of the most significant provisions of 493 have, since its passage, gone unimplemented in spite of statutory deadlines that require otherwise. SEA 615 extends those deadlines and allows the state and new leadership at Indiana FSSA the opportunity to implement 493, Indiana's groundbreaking long term care rebalancing act which was passed unanimously by the 2003 Indiana General Assembly.

The passage of SEA 615 in 2005 marks the 2nd consecutive year the General Assembly has been compelled to act because of general inaction by the state's executive branch to fully implement the provisions of 2003's SEA 493. However, because of the consistent bipartisan support of the legislature and the positive remarks and actions taken by the Daniel's administration during its first six months in office, the project is hopeful that Indiana is moving forward with long term care rebalancing.



Citizens asked to contact Governor Daniels with words of thanks and encouragement

Governor Daniels should know that Indiana has a rare win-win opportunity to address the growing Medicaid spending and service crisis by implementing the positive measures contained within 2003's SEA 493. Contact Governor Daniels and encourage him to take advantage of these opportunities by implementing 2003's SEA 493. Citizens are also encouraged to thank Governor Daniels for his expressed support of the expansion of home and community based care services for all Hoosiers.

Governor Daniels can be reached at 317-232-4567 or via email at mdaniels@state.in.us.



The Generations Project staff and website continue to be a resource for individuals and organizations concerned with long term care in Indiana.

Elizabeth Obergfell has recently joined The Generations Project as its outreach coordinator. Individuals or organizations interested in learning more about the work of the project and long term care rebalancing in Indiana can contact Elizabeth directly at eobergfell@generationsproject.org or 317-636-0776. For up to date information, reports, and fact sheets, please visit www.generationsproject.org.

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The Generations Project, Inc. is a collaborative effort of eleven leading civic organizations working to change Indiana's system of long term care from one based on institutional care to a new system driven by the needs and choices of persons with disabilities of all ages. The Generations Project is underwritten in part by The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis and The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust.



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