GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER
FIGHTING FOR OLDER MICHIGANDERS

Governor Whitmer is focused on getting things done for older Michiganders: lowering costs for seniors by rolling back the retirement tax, expanding nursing home support payments, and working across the aisle to tackle the high cost of prescription drugs.

Making Michigan an Age-friendly state

- Completely rolled back the Retirement Tax, saving 500,000 seniors an average of $1,000 a year.
- Eliminated state taxes on tips, overtime pay, and Social Security income, saving hundreds of thousands of seniors and working families money on their taxes every year.
- Became the first "Age-Friendly State" in the Midwest.
- Helped make Michigan the most affordable state to retire in 2022.
- Launched the Thriving Seniors Tour to highlight what needs to be done to make Michigan a great place to live, work, and retire.
- Expanded Michigan's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program which provides comprehensive care for individuals who require long term care.
- Signed a budget increasing wages for direct care workers and other staff assisting seniors who require home-based and nursing home services and supports.
- Consistently invested in programs supporting older Michiganders including increasing nursing home support payments; expanding services to age in place, senior home care, and access to senior centers; improving preventative services, transportation options, health screenings and services, and meal delivery; reducing hospital readmission; combatting elder abuse, and more.
- Signed legislation protecting vulnerable adults and seniors from financial abuse.
- Signed legislation that reflected recommendations of the Elder Abuse Task Force.
- Signed legislation creating the "Silver Alert," a notification system when seniors go missing, helping communities respond more quickly and bring loved ones home safely.
- Invested $553 million in Protecting MI Pension Grant Program.

Expanding access to healthcare and lowering the cost of prescription drugs

- Extended Healthy Michigan to 700,000 Michiganders.
- Expanded dental care for Michiganders covered by Medicaid or Healthy Michigan plans.
- Expanded access to telemedicine and signed bipartisan legislation requiring all insurers to cover telehealth.
- Signed bipartisan legislation to protect Michiganders against surprise medical billing.
- Signed a bill to lower the cost of prescription drugs and increase pharmacy oversight based on recommendations from the Prescription Drug Task Force.

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