



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

FIGHTING FOR OLDER MICHIGANDERS



Governor Whitmer is focused on getting things done to make a real difference for older Michiganders. She's focused on 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

- Rolled back the [retirement tax](#) to save half a million households an average of \$1,000 a 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.
- Signed an [executive order](#) creating the Health and Aging Services Administration (HASA), which will strengthen the continuum of support and services to older Michiganders.
- Invested \$20 million to expand [Michigan's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly \(PACE\) program](#) which provides comprehensive care for individuals who require long term care.
- [Proposed](#) increased investment in nursing homes for all services provided to Medicaid-enrolled nursing home residents.
- [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](#).
- Created and [consistently](#) funded a [dementia care unit](#) with DHHS to reduce the burden of dementia in the state and to create a dementia-capable Michigan.
- Established the [Nursing Home Workforce Stabilization Council](#) to identify review, develop, and recommend approaches to support high-quality nursing home care.
- Invested \$553 million in [Protecting MI Pension Grant Program](#)

Expanding access to healthcare and lowering the cost of prescription drugs

- Extended [Healthy Michigan](#) to [over 1 million people](#).
- 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](#).
- Established [Prescription Drugs Task Force](#) and received their recommendations to drive down costs, promote transparency, and improve health outcomes.
- Signed a bill to [lower the cost of prescription drugs](#) and increase pharmacy oversight based on recommendations from the Prescription Drug Task Force.