



Silver Key Coalition

Working to Make Michigan a No Wait State for Senior In-Home Services

40+ Member Organizations Strong

Michigan's Seniors Need In-Home Care

Invest in AASA Services to Keep Seniors Safe at Home

The Silver Key Coalition is requesting a **\$6.375 million increase for senior in home services** and a **\$1 million increase for Home Delivered Meals** in the Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) FY 2022 budget.

- ▶ **6,104** Michigan seniors are on waiting lists for essential non-Medicaid in-home services, including personal care and home delivered meals.
 - ▶ The Silver Key Coalition supports the MI Commission on Services to the Aging's recommendation that an increase of \$6.375 million [General Fund (GF)] be allocated to support the 5,169 seniors on waiting lists for AASA in-home services.
 - ▶ The Silver Key Coalition requests that an increase of \$1 million GF be directed to support the 935 older adults on waiting lists for the Home Delivered Meal program.
- ▶ Seniors who remain on waiting lists are **5x** more likely to end up in a Nursing Home.
- ▶ The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on Michigan's older adults, with **89%** of deaths occurring in adults over age 60.
- ▶ Michigan's 2.4 million senior population is growing by **46,000 seniors** each year.

The ability to age in place in your own home is more important now than ever for Michigan seniors. State funds are essential for core programs to continue operations in FY 2022 after one-time federal emergency funds expire.

We ask for your support of state investment in AASA in-home and nutrition services to ensure seniors have access to the resources they need to stay safe at home.