



## Residents News-Mail

### WACCRA has Super News!

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Hello WACCRA Members,

The State Legislature has approved \$300,000 for Phase 2 of the work we started with the Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC), which was completed last December. Our News-Mail from December 1, 2022 has some information about the OIC work, and you can read the OIC Report [here](#).

The WACCRA Board has been working on this funding throughout the current legislative session. Governor Inslee has signed the budget containing the WACCRA Proviso.

Below is the approved language from the House and Senate:

#### **WACCRA Proviso**

**2023-2025 Operating Budget - p. 192 (lines 24 - 34)**

**Section 204 (36) Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and LongTerm Support Administration:**

***\$300,000 of the general fund - state appropriation for fiscal year 2024 is provided solely for the department, in collaboration with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner and the Office of the Attorney General, to create a regulatory oversight plan for continuing care retirement communities focusing primarily on establishing and implementing resident consumer protections, as recommended in the 2022 report of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. As part of the process, the agencies must engage with relevant stakeholder groups for consultation. The final plan must be submitted to the health care committees of the legislature by December 1, 2024.***

This next step will determine the public policy direction of the legislation and determine specifics of what will go into it. The OIC received information from WACCRA on what CCRC residents need for protection. This information will form the beginning discussions with the State Agencies.

The final step, drafting specific legislative language, will follow the 2024 legislative session assuming the funding is again provided by the Legislature. Action is expected in 2025.

As we have always said, securing approval of new legislation is a marathon, not a sprint. With legislation, however, CCRC residents will have protections that are not currently provided in our contracts.

Please hang in there with us! Your support is fundamental to WACCRA's success.

[NOTE: The language in this email was crafted by the WACCRA Legislative Liaison Committee members, who have put in countless hours with legislators and others to move this work forward]

As always, thank you for your continued support!

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