

2025 MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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2025 was a successful legislative session for Marylanders living with Alzheimer's and other dementia and their caregivers. These policy accomplishments will build awareness about dementia, improve the quality of care statewide, and help Maryland build out the infrastructure to aid Marylanders challenged by this cruel disease.

▶ **ESTABLISHING A DEMENTIA DATA DASHBOARD IN MARYLAND**

HB 1004/SB 748, sponsored by Senator Benjamin Kramer and Delegate Ashanti Martinez, requires the Maryland Department of Health to develop an online dashboard, updated annually, with **state-specific data on dementia prevalence and other dementia-related data points**. This data will allow researchers, public health officials, policymakers and others to monitor trends, understand needs, create targeted services, and improve programs and policies.

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your voice!**

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▶ **RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT FDA-APPROVED TREATMENTS**

HB 1004/SB 748, sponsored by Senator Benjamin Kramer and Delegate Ashanti Martinez, also requires the **Maryland Department of Health to raise public awareness about FDA-approved treatments**. Treatments can change disease progression and having access to early intervention can provide more time to plan for the future, adopt lifestyle changes, participate in clinical trials, and live more fully with a higher quality of life for as long as possible.

▶ **PRESERVING \$2.4 MILLION IN ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THE DEMENTIA NAVIGATION PROGRAM**

The Long-Term Care and Dementia Care Navigation Program at the Maryland Department of Aging helps caregivers navigate the complex maze of dementia care through local services. The annual budget for this Program was at risk of being permanently cut from \$2.4 million annually to \$1.2 million annually due to the state's projected budget shortfall. Through the incredible advocacy of our volunteer advocates, we successfully preserved the funding at \$2.4 million annually.

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