

Long-Term Care Policy Summit

Americans are living longer. Population studies report that, from 2005 to 2020, the population age 85 and older will increase by 43 percent.

Eighty-four percent of those age 50 and older want to remain in their homes as they age. The way the U.S. long-term care (LTC) system operates today can seriously limit that choice.

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Two reports outlining strategic recommendations for Arkansas's long term care systems have been produced. One report, ***Choices in Living for Arkansans with Long Term Care Needs***, focuses largely on expanding the array of services available. The other project, ***Recommendations to Balance Arkansas's Long Term Care System***, is more concentrated on needed systems reforms. (These reports are available at: <http://www.daas.ar.gov/>)

Panelists will discuss the recommendations to improve the LTC system in Arkansas as well as national trends affecting LTC practices from policy, medical and service provision aspects.

There is no charge to attend the summit, but advanced registration is recommended as seating is limited. You may access a registration form that you may fill out and submit electronically at http://www.daas.ar.gov/news_events.html.

Please feel free to contact Suzanne Bierman (Suzanne.bierman@arkansas.gov), phone 501-682-8155, if you have any questions.



The 2009 Long-Term Care Policy Summit

September 25, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

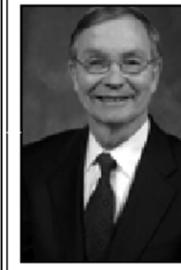
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925 South University Ave.
Little Rock, AR 72204

Keynote Speaker
William J. Hall, M.D.
Member, AARP Board of Directors

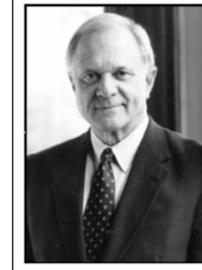
Luncheon Speaker
U.S. Senator David Pryor

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration Opens – Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions, John Selig
Director, AR Dept. of Human Services
- 9:15 Keynote Address: William J. Hall, M.D.
Member, AARP Board of Directors
- 9:45 Panel Discussion: National Long-Term Care Reform Efforts
- Anne Montgomery, Senior Policy Advisor
U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging
- William J. Hall, M.D., Member
AARP Board of Directors
- Martha Roherty, Executive Director,
National Association of State Units on Aging
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Panel Discussion: Arkansas's Long-Term Care Reform Efforts
- Charley Reed
Charley Reed and Associates Consulting Firm
- Krista Hughes, Director
Division of Aging & Adult Services, Arkansas DHS
- Roy Jeffus, Director
Division of Medical Services, Arkansas DHS
- Herb Sanderson, Associate Director for Advocacy
AARP Arkansas
- 12:00 Keynote Luncheon Speaker, U.S. Senator David Pryor
- 1:00 Closing Remarks, John Selig, Director
Arkansas Department of Human Services



William (Bill) Hall, M.D., of Rochester, N.Y., is director of the Center for Healthy Aging and previously served as chief of general medicine/geriatrics at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. As an 'academic geriatrician,' Dr. Hall's career has been largely focused on aging. He was instrumental in establishing a replication of the On Lok PACE program (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly), which was signed into legislation in 1997, making this Medicare/Medicaid program available to all 50 states.



In 1969, then Congressman **David Pryor** received a call from his mother about poor conditions in nursing homes she had discovered while visiting her great aunt. "You're in a position to do something," she said. "What are you going to do about it?"

That call began an undercover exploration of nursing homes in the Washington, D.C. area which resulted in national press coverage on the issue and continued with "House Trailer Committee on Aging" volunteers who examined nursing home conditions throughout the nation. Four years after Sen. Pryor left the House, an official House Select Committee on Aging was founded in 1974 as a voice for America's seniors. Sen. Pryor continued as a vocal advocate for seniors in his terms as Arkansas Governor and U.S. Senator. Groundbreaking legislation on aging was passed during his gubernatorial administration and he was chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. His four decades of service on this issue remain one of his many legacies for Arkansans.