

**Recent State Policy Actions that Support the
Early Detection and Diagnosis of Alzheimer's**
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Require Physician Education in Early Detection and Diagnosis of Alzheimer's	
Delaware	SB 283 (Chapter 422 of 2022) requires all health care professionals who work in a gerontology setting or treat adults in a health care setting to receive at least one hour of continuing education each reporting period on the topic of diagnosis, treatment, and care of persons living with dementia.
Illinois	SB 677 (Public Act 102-0399 of 2021) was signed into law and requires that all health care professionals serving adults age 26 and older complete one hour of dementia education for license registration and renewal.
Massachusetts	H.4116 (Chapter 220 of 2018) requires hospitals to establish operational plans to better recognize and manage people with dementia. The bill also requires that physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses, and practical nurses complete one-time dementia education. Guidance was issued by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine to assist physicians in fulfilling obligations of 2018 legislation regarding dementia diagnosis disclosure.
Establish Medicaid Billing Code for Cognitive Assessments	
Illinois	SB 1298 (Public Act 103-0102) requires Medicaid to provide coverage of cognitive assessment and care planning services for individuals who experience symptoms of cognitive impairment.
Nevada	AB 216 (Chapter 402 of 2021) directs the Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal approval to create a Medicaid billing code for cognitive assessments and care planning.
Direct/Fund Public Health Department to Conduct Statewide Public Awareness and Provider Education Campaigns	
Alaska	HB 308 (Chapter 70 SLA 22 of 2022) requires the Department of Health and Social Services to develop and implement an evidence-based, data-informed statewide dementia awareness campaign that must include the promotion of screening, early diagnosis, and treatment of dementia and assess appropriate levels of care and workforce capacity necessary for the population of persons affected by dementia in the state; and to develop a statewide strategic plan to improve systems of care infrastructure and awareness of dementia.
Arizona	SB 1720 (Chapter 133 of 2023) and SB 1726 (Chapter 139 of 2023) appropriates \$750,000 for a public education campaign to increase awareness of Alzheimer's and other dementia in rural and underserved urban areas across the state.

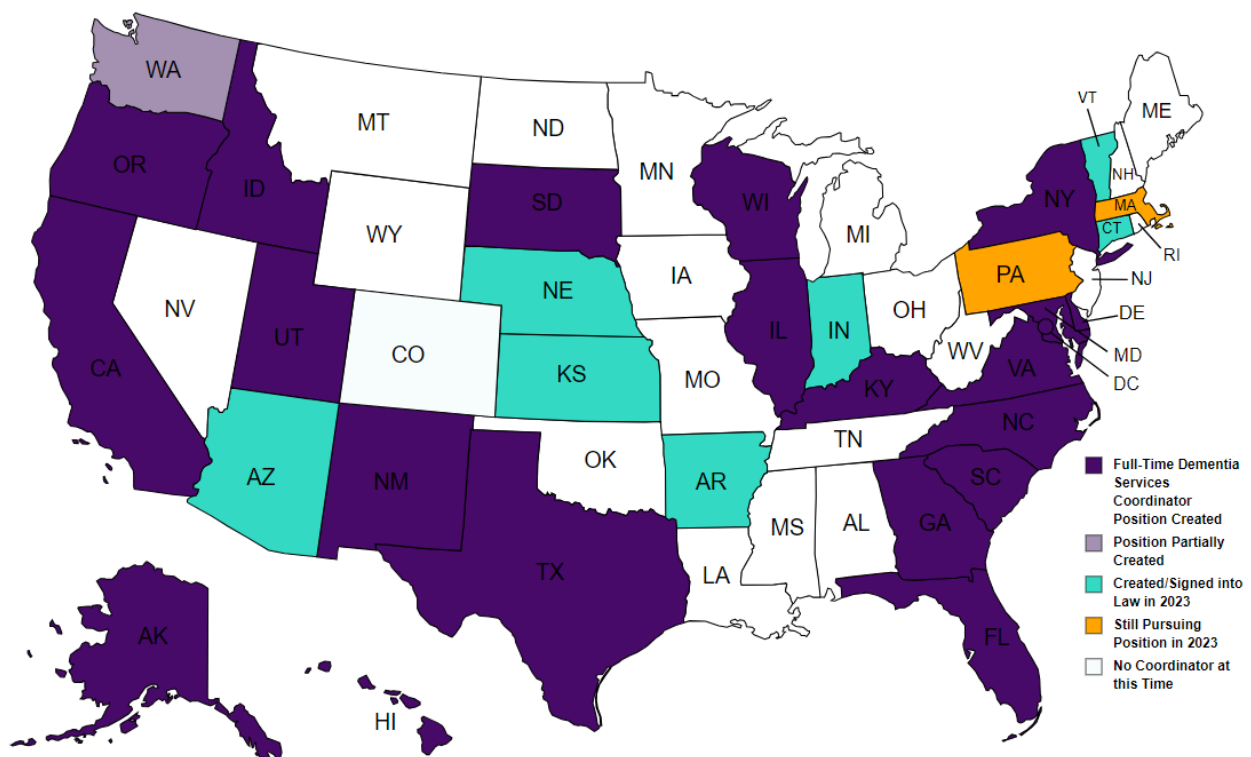
California	SB 129 (Chapter 69 of 2021) appropriates \$16.5 million in state funds for community and provider education including \$10 million for a dementia public awareness campaign; \$4.5 million for dementia standards of care to improve clinical care to people with dementia and \$2 million to improve local communities' readiness to support people with dementia. SB 48 (Chapter 484 of 2021) supports the newly established "Dementia Aware" initiative by requiring the state Medicaid program to administer training to providers, assessment tools, and payment incentives to conduct annual cognitive health assessments that identify the signs of dementia for everyone aged 65 and older who are in Medicaid ("Medi-Cal") but not Medicare; funded with \$25 million from California's HCBS Spending Plan.
Hawaii	HB 278 (Act 257 of 2023) appropriates \$1 million for the establishment of an Alzheimer's and dementia public health campaign. The campaign will educate the public on the early signs of cognitive impairment, the value of early detection and diagnosis, and the importance of discussing with health care providers any changes in memory and thinking.
Illinois	SB 2017 (Public Act 102-0016 of 2021) , the state budget bill, included \$1 million in new funding for the Department of Public Health for Alzheimer's public awareness and healthcare provider training. HB 1950 (Public Act 102-0886 of 2022) continues to appropriate \$10 million in ongoing funding to support the Illinois Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers which provide dementia diagnoses, treatment, and support to individuals through referrals to external services.
New Hampshire	HB 2 (Chapter 79 of 2023) appropriates \$500,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a public awareness campaign on brain health, Alzheimer's and other dementia and continuously incorporate the campaign into existing, relevant public health outreach programs.
Minnesota	HF 33 of the 1st Special Session (Chapter 7 of 2021) , the Department of Human Services budget, appropriated \$1.5 million across the biennium for grants to increase public awareness and education around Alzheimer's, with an emphasis around cognitive testing, early detection and diagnosis, and caregiving.
New York	S 8003D (Chapter 53 of 2022) includes a \$5.8 million appropriation to support the Centers of Excellence in Alzheimer's Disease which administer public awareness initiatives, care planning support and physician education and to improve data collection efforts within the Department of Health.
Pennsylvania	HB 1082 (Act 9 of 2022) requires the Department of Health to establish a toolkit intended for health care providers on early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's and dementia.
Texas	The Department of State Health Services launched a statewide, bilingual Alzheimer's Awareness Campaign to increase awareness of the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's and early detection and diagnosis.

Washington	HB 1109 (Chapter 415 of 2019) appropriates \$1 million to support physician education, reducing public stigma around dementia, and educating legal professionals supporting people with dementia. SB 5693 (Chapter 297 of 2022) appropriates \$100,000 to the memory and brain wellness center at the University of Washington to support the statewide expansion of an anti-stigma dementia campaign.
Wisconsin	A.B. 632 (Act 186 of 2017) appropriates \$500,000 for grants to increase awareness of Alzheimer's and other dementias in rural and underserved urban areas.
Establish a Statewide Infrastructure for Alzheimer's	
Georgia	HB 19 (Act 351 of 2023) maintains \$7.12 million for Georgia Memory Net, a statewide program dedicated to the early diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. HB 911 (Act 865 of 2022) appropriates \$1.25 million to create the Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program which will support one position in each of the 12 Area Agencies on Aging to enhance dementia-specific services and support for caregivers. The funds also establish a new Dementia Team Lead position to oversee the DCS Program, the work of the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (GARD) Coordinator, and the MemoryNet Coordinator.
Indiana	HB 1001 (Public Law 201 of 2023)/HB 1422 (Public Law 146 of 2023) appropriates \$3 million over the biennium for the establishment of a Dementia Care Specialist program to improve community awareness of dementia, increase the number resources available to support individuals living with dementia and their caregivers, and provide training to individuals who interact with individuals living with dementia.
Maryland	HB 0614 (Chapter 0668 of 2023)/SB228 (Chapter 0667 of 2023) requires an annual \$2.4 million appropriation beginning in FY2025 for the development of a Long-Term Care and Dementia Care Navigation program, to provide referrals to long-term care and chronic disease services, cognitive screenings for individuals with concerns of their cognitive health, and programs for individuals living with symptoms of dementia that interfere with their activities of daily living.
South Carolina	H.4300 (Act No. 84 of 2023) appropriates \$10 million for the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with the University of South Carolina, the Medical University of South Carolina, and Clemson University to develop an application for a multi-institutional Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) in the State of South Carolina and strengthen their dementia research efforts.
Wisconsin	AB 68 (Act 58 of 2021) appropriates \$8.12 million per biennium for the statewide Dementia Care Specialist program. This program funds approximately 60 county and tribal based positions who provide expert information, assistance and case management to people with dementia and their caregivers.

Establish Dementia Services Coordinator Positions in State Agency	
Arizona	SB 1720 (Chapter 133 of 2023) and SB 1726 (Chapter 139 of 2023) appropriates \$946,100 to establish a Dementia Services Program within the Department of Health Services, and fund two new full-time staff positions for three years. The Program will facilitate the coordination of policies and programs across state government that relate to dementia, the development and implementation of the state Alzheimer's plan, and the incorporation of early detection and risk reduction strategies into existing public health programs.
Florida	HB 835 (Chapter 45 of 2020) creates a Dementia Director position within the Department of Elderly Affairs to coordinate state Alzheimer's plan administration and work with the Memory Disorder Clinics across the state.
Hawaii	HB 200 (Act 088 of 2021) appropriates funding for a full-time Alzheimer's Coordinator position within the Executive Office on Aging to lead implementation of the state Alzheimer's plan.
Idaho	A new full-time Alzheimer's and Dementia Program Manager position was established within the state's Department of Health to lead development and implementation of a state Alzheimer's plan. In 2020 a study on the impacts of Alzheimer's in Idaho conducted by the state legislature's Office of Performance and Evaluation called for a new state Alzheimer's plan and Dementia Coordinator position to be established within the Department of Health to strengthen the state's response.
Illinois	SB 1726 (Public Act 101-0588 of 2019) creates a full-time, permanent Dementia Coordinator position within the Illinois Department of Public Health. The position is responsible for coordinating dementia services across the state, increasing access to dementia care, increasing awareness of dementia training and analyzing available dementia related data to support public-health efforts in addressing Alzheimer's.
Kentucky	SB 74 (Chapter 52 of 2021) establishes a new full-time dementia coordinator position within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to manage the work of the statewide Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council, support the development and implementation of the state Alzheimer's plan and ensure the state has a coordinated response to Alzheimer's.
Maryland	SB 0027 (Chapter 397 of 2022) establishes and directs funding for a full-time Director of Dementia Services and Brain Health position. SB 0290 (Chapter 484 of 2022) appropriates \$3.5 million for enhanced Alzheimer's services and research in alignment with the recommendations from the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council.
Michigan	SB 82 (Public Act 87 of 2021) allocates a one-time appropriation of \$400,000 to establish Michigan's first ever Dementia Unit, including a Dementia Coordinator position within the state agency. HB 5783 (Public Act

	166 of 2022) redesignates \$400,000 as on-going funding for the Dementia Unit to become operational.
Oregon	A full-time Dementia Services Coordinator position was established within the Department of Human Services and will be responsible for state Alzheimer's plan implementation and updates, public awareness efforts and improving the provision of dementia care.
South Carolina	A permanent, full-time Dementia Coordinator position was established within the Department on Aging to oversee Alzheimer's state plan implementation, conduct dementia related data analysis, and administer dementia-related grants.
South Dakota	A new statewide Dementia Services Coordinator position was established within the Department of Human Services and will support increased public awareness, state plan implementation and updates, and engagement with external partners.

State Dementia Services Coordinator Positions Established (as of July 2023)



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