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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-018-2025 Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior Citizens Task Force -
Extension

CR-018-2025 (*Proposed by:* Council Member Harrison)

Assigned to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE HOLISTIC AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TASK FORCE for the purpose of extending the reporting time for the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior Citizens Task Force and adding four additional members.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact

Expenditures: No anticipated impact on expenditures.

Revenues: No anticipated impact on revenues.

Indirect Impact

No anticipated indirect fiscal impact.

Legislative Summary:

CR-018-2025¹, proposed by Council Member Harrison, and sponsored by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Oriadha, and Fisher, was introduced on March 11, 2025. CR-018-2025 provides additional time for the existing Task Force to assess and identify the fundamental needs of the senior citizen population in Prince George's County and recommend holistic and sustainable solutions to address the needs of the senior citizen population in Prince George's County, and adds four (4) more members to the Task Force.

Overview:

CR-053-2024², which was adopted on June 4th, 2024, created the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior Citizens Task Force. The Task Force was established to address the needs of the senior citizens in the County and develop a plan that addresses critical needs and challenges of senior County residents, such as access to affordable and equitable healthcare, food insecurity, housing, transportation, social services, asset planning, fraud prevention education and recreational opportunities through a holistic approach that recognizes that needs of the County's senior citizen population are distinct from the County's general non-senior population. The task force was to meet quarterly and would present their findings and recommendations to the Council by February 28, 2025. Task Force has been delayed in reporting recommendations due to unforeseen circumstances and shall now be authorized to present a final written report and a summary of its findings to the County Council on or before February 28, 2026.

Membership:

The task force consists of 11 members, including but not limited to:

- (1) A representative from the Prince George's County Association of Realtors;
- (2) A representative from the Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation;
- (3) A representative from the AARP Suitland Chapter #939;
- (4) A representative from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- (5) The Director of Finance or the Director's representative;
- (6) The Director of Social Services or the Director's representative;
- (7) The Director of Family Services or the Director's representative;
- (8) The County Auditor or the County Auditor's representative; and
- (9) Three (3) senior County residents, each representing a different geographic area of the County.

¹ [Prince George's County Council - Reference No. CR-018-2025](#)

² [Prince George's County Council - Reference No. CR-053-2024](#)

Compensation:

No member Task Force is permitted to receive compensation in exchange for any services rendered to the Task Force. Members are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations³ as provided by the County Budget.

Resource Personnel:

- Leroy Maddox, Legislative Officer
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Discussion/Policy Analysis:

CR-018-2025, if adopted, would extend the existence of the Task Force established under CR-053-2024, by making the group's report and recommendations due February 26, and would add the following members to the Task Force:

- (1) a representative from the Department of Public Works and Transportation;
- (2) a representative from Adventist HealthCare;
- (3) a representative from MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center; and
- (4) a representative from University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center.

According to the Census Bureau, by 2050, the population of the Country aged 65 and older will increase by a third, to over 83 million, up from just under 56 million as of the 2020 Census.⁴⁵ As a percentage of total spending, healthcare tends to increase with age, meaning that, as the population ages, more people will make use of healthcare assistance programs like Medicare and Medicaid.⁶ There is currently a great deal of uncertainty about potential spending cuts to these programs, which help provide health coverage for 66 million seniors, in the case of Medicare and 58 million lower income individuals, in the case of Medicaid.⁷ Medicare accounts for about 15 % of the federal budget and Medicaid for about 6.8%.⁸

At the federal level, there have been a number of funding cuts proposed by Republican members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Budget Committee. One recently released funding bill would include a 2.8% cut in payments physicians receive from Medicare, which would hurt providers in underserved communities, such as Prince George's County, which has a healthcare provider shortage, according to a 2023 report.⁹¹⁰ Approximately 15.52% of the

³ [COMAR, Subtitle 02 Business Administration 23.02.01 Standard Travel Regulations](#)

⁴ [An Aging Nation: The Older Population in the United States](#)

⁵ [2020 Census: 1 in 6 People in the United States Were 65 and Over](#)

⁶ [A closer look at spending patterns of older Americans : Beyond the Numbers: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

⁷ [Medicare, Medicaid Cuts Would Force Half of Patients to Delay Care: Poll - Newsweek](#)

⁸ [Can House Republicans Cut \\$880 Billion Without Slashing Medicaid? It's Likely Impossible. - KFF Health News](#)

⁹ [Doctors Outraged Republican Congress To Allow Medicare Pay Cut](#)

¹⁰ [Prince George's County Healthcare and Social Needs Assessment + Investment Strategy Final Report-compressed.pdf](#)

population of Prince George's County is over 65 years old.¹¹ As of 2023, 13% of the County's population uses Medicare, which is higher than both the state and national average.¹² In a 2022 report, it found that about 262,000 County residents received health insurance through either Medicaid or CHIP.¹³ Medicaid and CHIP are facing the largest and most serious potential spending cuts, as the current budget reconciliation plan calls for \$8.8 trillion in cuts over the next nine (9) years. Medicaid outlays over the next nine (9) years comes to \$8.2 trillion, or 93% of the proposed cuts, according to the Congressional Budget Office¹⁴.

If the proposed cuts go through without alteration, it is estimated that the County would have over 45,000 people disenrolled from Medicaid or CHIP and would lose \$2.5 million in Medicaid/ CHIP funding over the next nine (9) years.¹⁵ These proposed cuts could have major implications for seniors living within the County, thus making the Task Force's mission to enhance County seniors' quality of life and promote their well-being even more important.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CR-018-2025 will not have any direct fiscal impact, as it merely extends an existing task force.

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-018-2025 will not have any indirect fiscal impact.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

N/A.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The proposed Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach out to me via phone or email.

¹¹ [Prince George's County Health Department :: Demographics :: Population: Age 65+](#)

¹² [Prince George's County Health Department :: Indicators :: Cancer: Medicare Population :: County : Prince George's PGCHHealthConnect FY22-Final-Report.pdf](#)

¹⁴ [Mandatory Spending Under the Jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce](#)

¹⁵ [The Republican House Budget Resolution's Potential \\$880 Billion in Medicaid Cuts by Congressional District - Center for American Progress](#)