



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SERVICES FOR AGING
AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

March 21, 2016

Joint Finance Committee
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Honorable Legislator:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governor's Advisory Council (GAC) on Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, which was established by 29 Del.C. § 7915. Our mission is to protect, promote and advocate for older Delawareans and adults with physical disabilities.

The Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD) provides a wide array of services to support seniors and people with disabilities in their homes. There are currently over 1,300 people waiting for key services such as personal care and respite.

We ask that the Joint Finance Committee provide additional funding to DSAAPD, in the amount of 2 million dollars, to address the growing waiting list. This will not clear the entire waiting list but it will provide services to those who are at high risk for institutionalization without community-based services.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at deldirector2014@gmail.com or 302-381-5298.

Sincerely,

Arlene Littleton
Chair