

Massachusetts Senior Action Council push for 3 bills to improve quality of life for seniors

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BOSTON (WWLP) - Seniors from across Massachusetts met with lawmakers at the State House on Monday.

The Massachusetts Senior Action Council held their annual Legislative Action Day to push three bills that they say would improve the quality of life for seniors in the state.

"Someone needs to sit down and not just brush it off because it's not something you just brush off," said Audrey McCloud of Springfield. "We are concerned about each and every soul at this time in their lives which should be better than what it is."

Their agenda includes expanding access to the Medicare Savings Program. A provision the group said could help more than 40,000 seniors access adequate medical care.

The Mass Senior Action Council is also working to close the SNAP gap, which would make it easier for seniors to qualify for food and healthcare benefits through the state.

The last part of the Council's proposal aims to raise the pay of home care workers in Massachusetts.

The group of senior advocates from AARP and the Alzheimer Association says these policy adjustments would benefit seniors and their families for generations to come.

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