



Re: Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee

On June 27, 2019, House Bill 449 was signed into law, revising the membership of the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee (ADAC) and requiring the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) to collect and report pertinent information on the impact of Alzheimer's disease in Florida.

The ADAC consists of members appointed by the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. ADAC will advise DOEA on legislative, program and administrative matters related to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ARD) and caregivers. The Florida Legislature recognizes the rising number of Floridians living with ARD and the need to implement strategies to support Floridians with ARD, their caregivers, and families.

House Bill 449 includes the following:

- ADAC was increased from 10 to 15 members.
- Beginning September 1, 2020, ADAC will submit an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of Elder Affairs. The report must include information and recommendations on Alzheimer's disease policy, state-funded efforts relating to Alzheimer's disease, and updates to the Alzheimer's disease state plan.

We hope you will support Governor DeSantis' efforts to combat ARD and improve the lives of all Floridians by participating in our statewide survey which will provide data to create a thorough report. As a clinical care provider and caregiver your opinion matters and is important. Your knowledge, experience, and involvement are critical to this reporting process and, ultimately, to enhancing the quality of life for those with ARD, their caregivers, and families.

We respectfully request and invite you to participate in the online survey.

Please let us know if you have any questions or difficulties accessing the survey by contacting Tracey Aittama at 850-414-2343 or aittamat@elderaffairs.org. Thank you very much for your support and feedback.

Sincerely,

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