

NEW ERA IN ALZHEIMER'S TREATMENTS

TREMENDOUS ADVANCEMENTS

More than 150,000 Arizonans are currently living with Alzheimer's, a figure expected to reach 200,000 by 2025. Alzheimer's is one of the top leading causes of death in Arizona. We cannot afford to stand idly by. The time to act is now. There is hope on the horizon, as we have entered a new era of Alzheimer's treatments. There are now two FDA approved drugs to slow the progression of Alzheimer's.



These drugs are approved for those in the Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) or early stage of the disease. But despite treatments, those who could benefit don't have access because Medicare has refused to cover a drug that has been given FDA approval. This is the first time in history an FDA approved drug has been denied by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

Meanwhile, the FDA has also approved a drug for the treatment of agitation associated with dementia due to Alzheimer's disease. This is the first FDA-approved treatment to address Alzheimer's-related agitation.



HISTORIC FUNDING TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S IN ARIZONA

Arizona lawmakers have passed a bipartisan budget package that includes historic funding for Alzheimer's disease, including \$4.125M for research and \$1.74M for Alzheimer's programs at Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS). Specifically:

- \$500,000 in additional funding for Alzheimer's research, bringing the total to \$4,125,000 for FY2024
- \$750,000 for an Alzheimer's Awareness Public Health Campaign targeted at rural and underserved areas
- \$964,000 in non-lapsing dollars to be used from FY24-FY26 for dementia-specific positions at DHS and to establish, review and update Alzheimer's state plan.

INCREASED RESEARCH FUNDING

\$500,000 in additional ongoing funding for Alzheimer's research, bringing the total to \$4,125,000 for FY2024

PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN

\$750,000 for an Alzheimer's Awareness Public Health Campaign targeted at rural and underserved urban areas

DEMENTIA- SPECIFIC POSITIONS AT DHS

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