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AARP Press Call, 2:00 pm ET, Tuesday, June 13

50 States Ranked by Quality of Care for Aging Adults and People with Disabilities

**New Scorecard from AARP, the Commonwealth Fund, and The SCAN Foundation
Gauges States' Readiness to Care for an Aging Population**

Washington, DC — In less than ten years, the leading edge of the Baby Boomer generation will turn 80, facing mounting limitations from aging and disabilities. Which states are making progress to improve the services and supports to help people live at home where they want to be? How will the proposed Medicaid cuts in the health care debate impact what little progress states have made on long-term services and supports?

Picking Up The Pace of Change: A State Scorecard on Long-Term Services and Supports looks at state-by-state data and analyzes the policies, programs, practices and costs that determine the adequacy of long-term care for aging adults and people with disabilities. The 2017 Scorecard ranks each state on 25 individual measures.

WHAT: Advance, embargoed telephone briefing for reporters on the 2017 Scorecard. The Scorecard will be released on Wednesday, June 14 at 12:01 am ET.

WHEN: 2:00 pm ET, Tuesday, June 13

WHO: Susan Reinhard, Senior Vice President for Public Policy, AARP
Melinda Abrams, Vice President of Delivery System Reform, The Commonwealth Fund
Gretchen Alkema, Vice President of Policy and Communications, The SCAN Foundation

HOW: To participate in the telephone press briefing and to request advance embargoed press materials, send an email with your contact information (phone and email) and written agreement to accept the embargo to media@aarp.org.

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About AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the

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