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## **Governor Snyder Hits the Mark with Message on Health and Wellness**

The Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM) congratulates Governor Snyder on his plan to improve the health of our citizens as outlined in this morning's message.

"We particularly appreciate the governor's interest in the well being of Michigan's seniors," said HCAM President and CEO David LaLumia. "We agree the vast majority of Michigan's older population is concerned about their ability to maintain independence at home. People should receive services in the appropriate setting, at the appropriate time with the appropriate level of care necessary to meet their needs. We support the governor's call to reduce waiting lists for home-based services, his interest in evidence and outcome based programs and his desire to support seniors in a way that respects their independence, choice and dignity."

HCAM also supports Governor Snyder's call for a comprehensive review of the Michigan Public Health Code.

"Technology and health care delivery have changed dramatically and the health code needs to reflect these changes," LaLumia said.

Michigan is growing older faster than the rest of the country. Both the over 65 population and the over 85 population in Michigan are increasing faster than the national average.

"Creating a comprehensive continuum of care that includes in home services, assisted living settings and nursing facility based care is critical," LaLumia added. "We praise Governor Snyder for addressing this issue in his health message."

The Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM) is the premier professional association representing nursing and rehabilitation communities. HCAM represents almost 300 providers that care for elderly and disabled individuals. For more information go to [www.hcam.org](http://www.hcam.org).

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