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## **HEALTHY AGING AWARENESS MONTH**

## WHY IS **HEALTHY AGING** IMPORTANT?

Healthy aging is essential to protecting your future and quality of life. As we grow older, access to health care becomes increasingly important. By protecting access to health care services like, Medi-Cal and Medicaid for our aging population in California, the Health Consumer Alliance helps to ensure a better quality of life for some of our state's most in-need residents. Fast Fact **15.8%** of Californians

are aged 65+

Just 2 days a week As we age, our health care needs change becoming more complex & Most older adults have at least 1 chronic condition. Many older adults face barriers to getting the care they need 2

Cost plays a significant factor ج

of a variety of activities like:

- carrying light groceries §
- light house chores 🔛

• walking in place all are great ways to strengthen muscles and stay active as we age. In 2020, adults aged 65 years and older **spent** an average of nearly **\$7,000 in out-ofpocket** medical costs.

If you are an aging adult facing ANY barriers to accessing health care, call the Health Consumer Alliance today!

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