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Age-friendly care improves health.

- [Age-Friendly Health Systems reduce the length and cost of hospital](#) stays for older adult patients
- A poll of adults 65+ shows [more than 80% would rather go to a hospital that provides age-friendly care](#) than one that does not

Family caregivers are overworked and under-supported, but we have a plan.

- The RAISE National Strategy outlines nearly [350 actions the federal government will take in the next three years to support family caregivers](#) and additional actions for other organizations
- [Policies to support family caregivers are universally popular](#) across political affiliation and other demographics, including those recommended in the RAISE National Strategy

Holding conversations about serious illness and end-of-life matters.

- [The Serious Illness Messaging Toolkit provides public-informed guidance](#) on how to talk about serious illness, palliative care and hospice
- Most adults age 50+ think it is important to have [access to advance care planning and palliative care when it is defined for them](#)

Comprehensive dementia care support is a growing necessity.

- [One in three older adults dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia](#), and more than 11 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias
- The [Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience \(GUIDE\) Model](#) was announced by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation in 2023 to test alternative ways for Medicare to pay for comprehensive dementia care that includes support for family caregivers