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Pennsylvania
Department of Aging

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
Shapiro Administration to Showcase New Oversight Tool Improving
Protective Services for Older Adults, Boosting Accountability of Local
Aging Agencies**

Pennsylvania Department of Aging Secretary Jason Kavulich will continue a statewide tour highlighting how the Department's new approach to reviewing the performance of older adult protective services is delivering better results in keeping older adults safe. This new, modern tool allows the Department to do away with a simple pass/fail scoring system for local aging agencies, and comprehensively ask ***“what does this local agency specifically need to improve?”***

That tool, the **Comprehensive Aging Performance Evaluation (CAPE)**, is also providing historic levels of transparency and accountability of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) network that provides those services.

WHO:

Secretary of Aging Jason Kavulich

**Jennifer Haeussler-Barnhart, Administrator, Office of Aging
Services, Montgomery County Department of Health and
Human Services**

Dr. Patricia McKernan, Director, Montgomery County Health and Human Services

Susan Tachau, Chair, Office of Aging Services Advisory Council

Elliott Smith, Deputy Administrator of Care Management

Protective Services, Caregiver Support Program, OPTIONS management

WHEN:

TUESDAY, August 11, 2026, at 1 P.M.

WHERE:

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
1430 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19401

RSVP:

Media interested in covering the event should RSVP via email to agingcomms@pa.gov and share the names, titles and phone numbers of each member of their team.

NOTE:

The event will involve remarks from attendees and a press availability prior to a larger group roundtable discussion. Press are invited to stay for and cover the entirety of the event.