

SAVE MISSOURI MONEY: INVEST IN HOME CARE FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE INDIVIDUALS

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2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

OUR ASK: Raise the Private Duty Nursing (PDN) reimbursement rate to the recommended \$63.68. This 15.7% increase will help providers be competitive for 50% of the nursing market¹.

WORKFORCE SHORTAGE & UNFILLED SHIFTS HURT MISSOURI

- ✓ Still a crisis - 33% of shifts are still unfilled.
- ✓ A rate increase is needed for hiring and retention of workforce.
- ✓ Unfilled shifts cause families to take on caregiving responsibilities, leading to income loss, stress, and reduced quality of life.

HOME IS THE PREFERRED SETTING

- ✓ Home care is cost-effective, patient-preferred, and crucial for the health and well-being of thousands of Missourians.
- ✓ Medically fragile children prefer home with loved-ones.
- ✓ Patients face higher hospitalization risk, ER visits, safety issues and lower quality of life.

HOME CARE SAVES THE STATE MONEY

- ✓ Home care for medically fragile children saves Medicaid money by keeping them out of costlier hospital care.
- ✓ As of 2021, **hospital inpatient** costs for MO are on average **\$18,529/week**. As of 2024, 70 hours/week of **PDN** cost on average **\$3,852.80/week²**.
- ✓ Home care results in fewer readmissions and hospitalizations.

(1) 2023 Mercer report, (2) Kaiser.

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