

# Low Home Care Funding Risks Patient Health & Results in Higher Costs to the State

Support the Department of Health & Human Services' request of \$4.8 million to ensure 40,000 vulnerable seniors and medically fragile children and adults have access to essential in-home care programs.

## Staffing Shortage Leads to Increased Healthcare Costs



Cost of **1 week of ICU care = 10 weeks of home care**



Providers have had to decline **58%** of all home care referrals.<sup>2</sup>

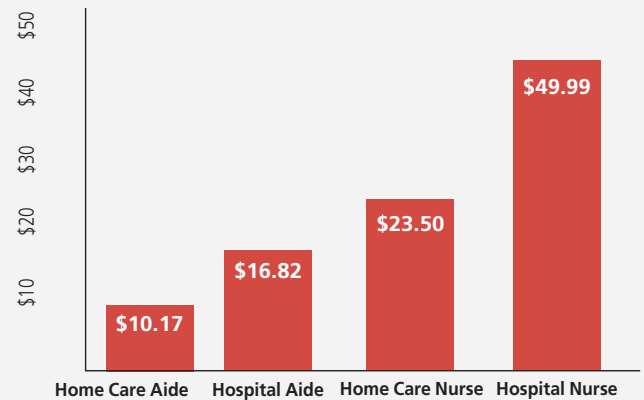


Industry turnover rate = **65%**<sup>1</sup>

Because workers can earn higher wages by working in sister states or more costly settings.

Providers are only able to compete for less than **30% of Registered Nurses** and **10% of Personal Care Aides**.<sup>4</sup>

## Hourly Wage Disparity<sup>5</sup>

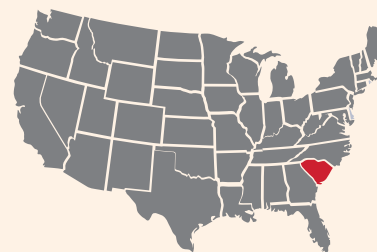


## Consequences of Home Care Workforce Shortages:



- Risk of hospitalization, ER visits, & re-hospitalizations
- Family caregivers calling out of work & risking job loss
- Longer hospital stays due to lack of staff available to transition home
- In-home caregiver burn out & stress
- Necessary care that keeps patients safe & healthy at home
- Family income – due to job loss or loss of work hours
- Bonding time between family members
- Continuity of care

## Projected Nursing Shortage in South Carolina



By 2030, South Carolina is projected to have the **4th largest nursing shortage** in the country.<sup>3</sup>

**Our Ask:** Support DHHS' request of **\$4.8M** for Medicaid home care programs so providers can recruit more nurses & personal care assistants.



**Increase Nursing Rates by \$5**



**Increase Personal Care Services by \$3**

1. A Huge Victory: Home Care Turnover Remains Stable at 65.2% (homehealthcarenews.com) 2. Why Home Health Providers Are Producing High Referral Rejection Rates (homehealthcarenews.com) 3. (careerbuilder.com) 4. (bls.gov/oes) 5. Supply and Demand Projections of the Nursing Workforce: 2014-2030 (bhwh.hrsa.gov)

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