

Ensure Delaware's Medically Complex Children and Adults Receive the Urgent Home Care They Need

Support Delaware's medically complex children and adults. Increase private duty nursing Medicaid rates 5.2%—RNs to \$66.95/hr and LPNs to \$59.98/hr. Increase home care personal care worker Medicaid rates 16.8% to \$38/hr.

Home Care Has Been Neglected

Home care Medicaid reimbursement rates have not risen in tandem with real-life developments and increases in the cost of care.

5 The number of Medicaid reimbursement rate increases provided to home care over the last 18 years.

Delaware's Population Is Rapidly Aging

40%

Estimated increase in DE's 60 and older population between 2015-2030.⁴

20%

Percentage of DE's population already over 65 years old.³

Unintended Consequences

Increases in:

- ↑ Hospitalization risk
- ↑ ER visits
- ↑ Call outs of family members who can't go to work
- ↑ Family stress

Decreases in:

- ↓ Necessary care that keeps patients safe and healthy
- ↓ Family income
- ↓ Quality of life



State Investment in Home Care Works⁵

An independent industry survey exploring trends in Delaware from 2021 to 2022 indicates that meaningful increases in Medicaid reimbursement rates improve home care providers' ability to serve more clients, and recruit and retain their workforce.

	PDN 15% Medicaid Rate Increase in 2022 Budget	Personal Care No increase since 2012
Medicaid Patients Served	+35.7%	-8%
Workforce	-3.7%	-12%
Recruitment Expenses	-12%	+31%

1. Aligns with the Consumer Price Index. 2. A 2021 industry survey conducted by the Delaware Association for Home & Community Care found DE home care providers generally paid a wage 45% above minimum wage before the most recent minimum wage increase. This increase would allow providers to continue to do so. 3. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/DE>. 4. https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dsaapd/files/projections_delaware_2019.pdf. 5. Delaware Association for Home & Community Care. (2022). Delaware Association of Home & Community Care Research Analysis Home Health Aide, Direct Care Worker, and Private Duty Nursing Provider Agencies [Survey]. G-Group Marketing.

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HOME CARE BASICS FOR DELAWARE

WHO PROVIDES HOME CARE?

- **Personal Assistance Services Agencies (PASA)** – Non-medical model offering personal care services.
- **Home Health Aide Only Agencies (HHAO)** – Medical model offering personal care services with the care planning and supervision of a registered nurse.
- **Home Health Skilled Agencies (HHAS)** – Medical model addressing skilled clinical services, i.e., occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, nursing treatments, private duty nursing.
- **Hospice** – Palliative and supportive medical and other health services to terminally ill patients and their families.

HOW LONG DO PEOPLE RECEIVE HOME CARE?

- **Episodic Care:** Home care services can be for a limited time period, referred to as “episodic care,” when the individual has a need for restorative care for a limited period of time, i.e., after a surgery.
- **Extended Care:** Home care services can be ongoing, referred to as “extended care,” when the need is chronic and expected to continue, i.e., after a traumatic brain injury, medically complex children, frail seniors.
- **Palliative/Terminal Care:** End of life planning and hospice.

WHO RECEIVES HOME CARE?

- Medically complex children and adults
- Children and adults with intellectual disabilities
- Seniors and people with disabilities whose only alternative would otherwise be in a nursing facility
- People with deficits in one or more activities of daily living (ADL) (i.e., bathing, dressing, personal care needs)
- Individuals on Medicare who have an acute short-term need (i.e., hip replacement, wound care)
- People with terminal illnesses