

Ensure Delaware's Medically Fragile Receive the Urgent Home Care They Need



Support Delaware's medically fragile children and adults. Increase private duty nursing Medicaid rates 5%¹—RNs to \$66.95/hr and LPNs to \$59.98/hr. Increase home care personal care worker Medicaid rates 23%²—\$27.85/hr to \$34.31/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.

4 The amount of Medicaid reimbursement rate increases provided to home care over the last 17 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 <i>15% Medicaid Rate Increase in 2022 Budget</i>	Personal Care <i>No increase since 2012</i>
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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