

# PLEASE SUPPORT THE SENATE ADDITIONS TO THE HOUSE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROTECT THE NURSING HOME CARE OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS REQUIRE

## Comparison of GR Contributions to Nursing Home Care For MO, Its Surrounding States, and States With Similar Budgets

State and % of rate that is GR	GR \$ Contribution
Missouri 10%	\$15.26
South Carolina 25%	\$42.46
Colorado 41%	\$96.10
Alabama 21%	\$30.44
Louisiana 27%	\$46.21
Indiana 25%	\$47.62
Arkansas 13%	\$23.33
Iowa 29%	\$50.67
Nebraska 38%	\$67.09
Tennessee 19%	\$37.37
Kentucky 29%	\$52.92
Illinois 50%	\$75.99
Oklahoma 21%	\$30.30

Avg. bordering states 28%  
\$48.22

Avg. similar state budgets 25%  
\$47.69

## Years of underfunding topped by cuts to the Nursing Home Medicaid rate has left residents in Missouri's nursing homes at risk of losing care.

Governor Greitens' budget actions last July resulted in the deepest cuts to the services provided to seniors, veterans and people with disabilities since the inception of the Medicaid program. The draconian cuts created a \$25 per person per day shortfall, making it impossible to properly provide the 24/7 specialized care for these citizens. These services are now facing a statewide funding crisis. This level of health care is getting more difficult every day to sustain and immediate relief is needed.

The budget passed by the House reversed a portion of the Governor's cuts to nursing home services from last July. The Senate's version of the budget fully reverses the cuts imposed by the Governor last year and reduces the underfunding by an additional \$3 per resident per day, cutting the shortfall-in the aggregate-from \$25 to \$18 per resident per day for the vital services provided to residents in nursing homes. This additional funding is necessary to help pay for the highly specialized 24/7 care this population requires. It is imperative that the state prioritize our citizens struggling with debilitating physical impairments and chronic medical conditions. It is essential the two chambers support the Senate position on the funding for the vital care Missouri's most vulnerable citizens receive in our nursing homes.

## Missouri pays less than any other payor source toward nursing home care for its seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

Fewer state general revenue dollars are appropriated for care in nursing homes than any other skilled service, including home and community based services. The 24/7 vital care services provided to Missouri's sickest seniors, veterans, and citizens with disabilities in nursing homes is the most efficient, cost effective, specialized care, and should be funded. The state of Missouri only pays, on average, 10% or \$15.26 per person per day to care for a resident in a nursing home. The remaining 90% or \$138.55 per person per day is paid by the federal government, a provider tax (paid by the nursing homes), and the nursing home resident. In fact, the nursing home resident pays 20% of their nursing home Medicaid rate, which is double what the state pays!

**Missouri's most vulnerable citizens now look to you, their elected officials, to help reverse this funding crisis immediately. PLEASE SUPPORT the Senate additions to the House budget position for the funding increase in HB2011 for nursing home care Missouri's seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities require and deserve!**