

# PLEASE SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITY MEDICAID RATES

## 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%	\$15.87
South Carolina 25%	\$45.44
Colorado 46.8%	\$111.15
Alabama 21%	\$30.44
Louisiana 27%	\$46.21
Indiana 75%	\$148.53
Arkansas 14%	\$26.13
Iowa 8.5%	\$14.81
Nebraska 38%	\$67.09
Tennessee 18.5%	\$39.12
Kentucky 28%	\$52.98
Illinois 50%	\$75.99
Oklahoma 21%	\$30.34

Avg. similar state budgets:  
35% GR  
\$68 per patient per day

## Nursing homes are currently facing a \$20 per patient per day deficit. This funding crisis has made providing nursing home care unsustainable.

Nursing homes provide cost effective, efficient, acute care services to their residents. There is no other health care setting that provides this 24/7 highly specialized care other than a hospital at a much higher cost. The recipients of this care are people with severe disabilities, veterans, and middle class citizens. The majority of residents in nursing homes have worked all their lives, paid taxes and served their country but are on Medicaid simply because they have outlived their resources.

Years of "kicking the can down the road" have left Missouri's nursing homes in crisis. Currently, the state pays nursing homes, on average, \$20 per patient per day LESS than what it actually costs the home to care for that resident on Medicaid. This means for every Medicaid resident in a nursing home, the facility incurs a true loss of at least \$7,300 per year for that resident. For a facility that has 50 Medicaid residents, that is equal to a \$365,000 loss. The ability for Missouri's nursing homes to continue to provide care to Missouri's most vulnerable is unsustainable due to this underfunding. The majority of Missouri's nursing home residents rely on Medicaid to pay for their care. On average, approximately 65% of nursing home residents rely on Medicaid for the care they need. We are beginning to feel the impact of the underfunding crisis as facilities are beginning to close, jobs will be lost, and most importantly, our most vulnerable Missourians will lose the quality of care they rely on to survive.

## 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 Missouri's 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 \$15.87 per person per day to care for a resident in a nursing home. The remaining 90% or \$146.52 per person per day is paid by the federal government, a provider tax (paid by the nursing homes), and the nursing home resident from any social security or pension income they have. In fact, the nursing home resident actually pays 20% of their nursing home Medicaid rate, which is double what the state pays!

**Missouri's most vulnerable citizens require this care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our state needs to provide adequate reimbursement rates to allow for the necessary long term care for our seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. Please support an increase in the skilled nursing facility Medicaid rate in House Bill 11.**