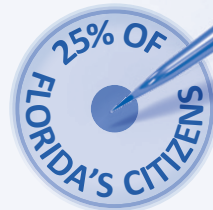


One Compelling SOLUTION to Balance Florida's Budget...



- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative**
- Community Care for the Elderly**
- Home Care for the Elderly**
- Local Service Programs**
- Aging and Disabled Medicaid Waiver**



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**... Serve Frail Seniors at HOME...
...And Save Over \$91 Million in General Revenue (per year)**

Why Should Florida's Elected Officials Support Home and Community Based Care for Seniors?

Because:

- 1) Nearly 4.2 million seniors call Florida home – almost 25% of our state's total population.
- 2) Many of these seniors are now in their 80's, 90's, and 100's – those MOST at risk of nursing home placement.
- 3) To have a strong viable long-term care system, Florida must appropriately fund home and community services as well as adequately fund quality assisted living and nursing home residences.
- 4) Without home care assistance, seniors are left with a single choice – more costly, less preferred nursing home care.
- 5) As of September 30, 2009 nearly 30,000 seniors are on waiting lists for home care.

Florida can either pay a little now for home care or WILL pay a whole lot more for nursing home care – it's that simple. Targeting our limited resources to provide home care to seniors who need help to remain in their homes for as long as possible will help our Legislators balance Florida's budget.

Home & Community Care Services for Seniors Reduce Costs

| | SERVICES CONTINUUM | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| | ← Least Impaired & Lowest Cost | Older Americans Act Program | Contracted Services | Local Service Programs | Alzheimer's Disease Initiative & Respite Care | Home Care for the Elderly Program | Community Care for the Elderly Program | Aged & Disabled Medicaid Waiver | Assisted Living for the Frail Elderly Medicaid Waiver | Alzheimer's Disease Medicaid Waiver | Nursing Home Diversion Program | Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) | Nursing Home Care | → Most Impaired & Highest Cost |
| Average Annual Cost of Care * | \$994 | \$86 | \$235 | \$1,963 | \$2,140 | \$6,134 | \$8,844 | \$9,802 | \$14,449 | \$18,336 | \$18,688 | \$65,251 | | |
| Total Clients Served (FY 2008/09) * | 81,624 | 12,495 | 29,828 | 7,242 | 4,521 | 17,573 | 11,000 | 4,000 | 350 | 16,402 | 550 | 68,051 | | |

*Total clients served and total annual cost of care (General Revenue and Federal matching funds) is based on the most recent annual data available from Dept. of Elder Affairs April 2009.

The Fiscal Impact of Waiting Lists for Senior Home Care Programs: INCREASED MEDICAID COSTS

| | (General Revenue [GR] Only) | | | | | | | FY 2010-11 GR Funding Needed to Serve Seniors on Waiting Lists who are <u>MOST AT RISK</u> of Nursing Home Care (<i>Risk Levels 4 & 5 Only</i>) |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | |
| Program | Annual Cost of Home Care (GR Only) | Annual Cost of Nursing Home Care (GR Only) ⁽¹⁾ | Number of Seniors on Home Care Waiting Lists ⁽²⁾ | Number of Seniors on Waiting Lists that entered a Nursing Home and the GR Costs to care for them. ⁽³⁾ | GR <u>Costs</u> to care for these same seniors IF they had been cared for at home | GR <u>Savings</u> if these same seniors had been cared for at home | | |
| 1 Community Care for the Elderly | \$6,134 | \$19,776 | 18,000 | \$61,591,940 (2987 seniors) | \$18,322,258 | \$43,269,682 | \$21,824,772 (3,558 seniors) | |
| 2 Home Care for the Elderly | \$2,140 | \$19,776 | 1,766 | \$6,144,760 (298 seniors) | \$637,720 | \$5,507,040 | \$1,542,940 (721 seniors) | |
| 3 Alzheimer's Respite Care & Memory Disorder Clinics | \$1,963 | \$19,776 | 1,143 | \$6,680,880 (324 seniors) | \$636,012 | \$6,044,868 | \$885,313 (451 seniors) | |
| 4 Aging and Disabled Medicaid Waiver⁽¹⁾ | \$3,475 | \$19,776 | 6,482 | \$27,094,680 (1,314 seniors) | \$4,566,150 | \$22,528,530 | \$4,726,000 (1,360 seniors) | |
| Totals: | | | 27,391 | \$101,512,260 (4,923 seniors) | \$24,162,140 | \$77,350,120 | \$28,979,025 (6,090 seniors) | |

⁽¹⁾ General Revenue (GR)=39.3%; Federal Matching Rate for Medicaid (FMAP) FY 2010-11 (60.71%). Annual nursing home bed costs (GR+FMAP)= \$50,000.

⁽²⁾ Data provided by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs - DOEA waiting list report - 9/28/09; # of seniors entering a nursing home in FY 07-08.

⁽³⁾ The cost to serve seniors who were on home care waiting lists and entered a nursing home are based on the 2008 FMAP rate (58.76%).

⁽⁴⁾ FY 2010-11 Projected GR Cost Savings to provide home care to 6,090 seniors most at risk of nursing home care.

By appropriating \$28.9 million for home care, Florida could save an estimated \$91 million in additional nursing home care costs.⁽⁴⁾

WHAT ARE THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE, COMPELLING SOLUTIONS FOR FLORIDA'S BUDGET CRISIS?

- **Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, Respite Care and Memory Disorder Clinics** – Help individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families through diagnosis, adult day care, respite for caregiver relief and caregiver training and support.
- **Community Care for the Elderly** – Assists functionally-impaired seniors to live at home by providing personal care (help with bathing, dressing), home repairs, home-delivered meals and medical transportation.
- **Home Care for the Elderly** – Helps Medicaid-eligible seniors with a caregiver to live at home, by providing a stipend of \$106 per month for home care, nutritional supplements and incontinence products.
- **Local Service Programs** – Targets special needs in communities to help elders remain at home. Services include homemaker services, adult day care, meals and health monitoring.
- **Aging and Disabled Medicaid Waiver** – Serves senior/disabled individuals assessed as frail, functionally impaired and at risk of nursing home placement. Services include adult day health care, case management, emergency alert response, environmental modifications, family training/support, home-delivered meals, personal care, respite, skilled nursing, specialized medical equipment and incontinence supplies.

Remember:

- 1. Home and community-based services help seniors remain at home safely and with dignity.**
- 2. Home and community-based care for seniors is cost effective.** The average annual cost of care for Florida's home care programs for seniors is just **\$4,924** as compared to the average annual cost for Medicaid nursing home care **\$65,251**. In FY 2008, Florida's Aging and Disabled Waiver Program served 11,000 Medicaid-eligible seniors in their homes who were all determined to be at risk of nursing home care, **saving the state over \$508 million** in nursing home care costs.
- 3. Waiting lists for home care services increase costs.** In 2008, there were 4,923 seniors waiting to receive home care but instead entered a nursing home at an increased cost of over \$101 million in General Revenue dollars!