

It's what
Nebraskans should
be talking about

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"I think we've got a crisis on our hands"
- Senator Stinner

How did we get here?

Most nursing homes provide care to residents who receive Medicaid. Medicaid is a program that helps seniors who meet certain income criteria to receive the care that they need.

The State of Nebraska does not pay nursing homes a rate that covers the cost of providing care to residents. They continue to reduce payments that are necessary to provide crucial care to one of our most vulnerable populations, the elderly. Over the past two years Medicaid rates have been reduced by 2.65% and 7.17% from cost of care. The cost of care calculations use two year old data and don't include all costs just "allowable" ones. So these reductions have a larger impact than at first glance.

Because of this financial crunch, nursing homes have been begging for donations or creating county/city taxes to supplement inadequate Medicaid funding. Communities around the state are desperately trying to keep the doors open and hold onto valuable local jobs but it's not enough for many of them.

In the last three years alone, 33 facilities have closed their doors. Many of these facilities are in rural communities, requiring residents to move far from their homes and loved ones to receive care. And eventually, when the baby boomers require more assistance, we will not have enough long-term care facilities to care for everyone if we do not act now.

In any given month, a nursing home loses on average about **\$1000 per month per resident** that is on Medicaid. **Over 60%** of Nebraska nursing home residents are on Medicaid.

Support our Seniors and help save hundreds of jobs by asking your State Senator to vote yes on bills LB181, LB468, LB403, and LB404.

We need our Senators and Governor Pete Ricketts to know how important these facilities are to all of us Nebraskans.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Contact your state senator today to make your voice heard.

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