

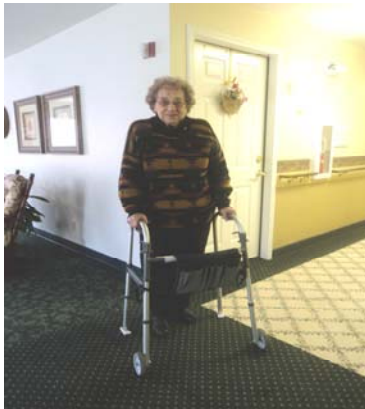


# STOP Cuts to Nursing Home Care

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## Budget Cut Jeopardizes Therapy and Rehab Programs



### We Need Your Help!

Please undo the Medicaid rate cut to nursing home residents. We must protect the health and well-being of residents, and prevent 7,000 health care workers from losing their jobs.

Last fall when LaVerne White, 81, fell in the bathroom of her apartment and fractured her hip, doctors weren't sure if she would ever walk again. "Oh yes I will," was her response to this possibility. White's spirit of determination led doctors to start her on a rehabilitative physical therapy regimen, up to three hours each day, to help her reach her goal of walking again.

When her time in the hospital was over, White still needed further therapy and overall care, so her family started looking for a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility that could meet her needs in both of those areas, until she was once again able to care for herself. They found a team of dedicated, highly-trained and compassionate professionals at Imboden Creek Living Center in Decatur, Illinois.

Throughout her stay at the facility, approximately 10 weeks, White worked with a physical therapist for 1.5 hours a day, walking and working to improve her mobility and upper arm strength. "The staff was very caring and really wanted my mother-in-law to get better," explains Vicky White, LaVerne White's daughter-in-law. "Everything they did was to accomplish that goal, to get her home." Without all of the therapy that Ms. White

received, it is doubtful that she would be able to walk today, which would mean that she would no longer be able to live on her own — she would need daily assistance. The dedicated staff at Imboden Creek made a truly meaningful impact on LaVerne's independence and quality of life.

The Medicaid rate cut to nursing homes will make it extremely difficult to provide quality therapy and rehabilitation programs to residents like LaVerne, putting their independence and well-being in danger. These programs enable 43,000 individuals a year to recover from illness and injury and return to their homes. Please help us roll back this proposed cut.

### Budget Cut Endangers Seniors

- Health care services at risk
- Increased hospitalizations
- Fewer seniors going home
- \$70 million in federal funds lost
- Safety reforms endangered
- 7,000 jobs lost

