



STOP Cuts to Senior Services

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Six Percent Budget Cut Puts Seniors in Danger

Governor Quinn's proposed 6 percent budget cut means a \$140 million reduction in services provided to Illinois' sickest and frailest citizens: nursing home residents. This massive cut will put the health and well-being of thousands of senior citizens in peril.

Several weeks ago, the legislature signed a bill to fully fund the MDS Medicaid reimbursement system by having nursing home providers tax themselves \$145 million. Using that tax, the state receives additional federal funding to support services for seniors both in the community and in nursing homes.

Now, through this 6 percent funding cut to nursing homes, the gains from fully funding the MDS Medicaid reimbursement system

We Need Your Help!

Please undo the 6 percent budget cut to nursing home residents to protect their health and well-being and prevent 7,000 health care employees from losing their jobs.

How the 6 Percent Budget Cut Will Impact Seniors

The proposed 6 percent Medicaid budget cut to nursing home residents will result in:

- Putting their health care services at risk, increasing their hospitalizations, and sending fewer seniors back to their homes in the community
- \$70 million in federal funds being lost annually
- Endangering many of the resident safety reforms recently passed by the legislature
- 7,000 senior care jobs being lost – when we need jobs more than ever

will be completely undone. This reimbursement system addresses the advanced health services provided in today's nursing homes such as ventilator care, wound care, and physical rehabilitation.

The legislature unanimously passed this plan seven years ago and it has never been fully funded by the state. This system has enabled more than 38,000 residents a year to return to their homes in the community. By cutting services for our frailest seniors, the state loses \$70 million dollars of federal matching funds annually.

The 6 percent budget cut to nursing home residents will put their health care services at risk, increase their hospitalizations, and lead to fewer seniors returning to their homes in the community. Please help us roll back these proposed cuts.

