

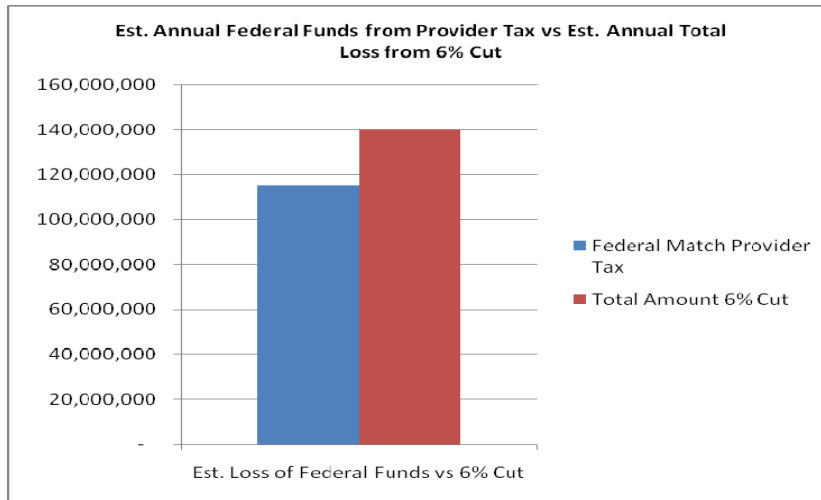


STOP Cuts to Senior Services

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Illinois to Lose \$70 Million in Federal Funds through Budget Cut



We Need Your Help!

Please undo the 6 percent budget 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.

Governor Quinn's proposed 6 percent budget cut means a \$140 million annual reduction in services provided to Illinois nursing home residents. This massive cut will cause the State of Illinois to lose \$70 million annually in federal matching funds, while putting the health and well-being of thousands of senior citizens in peril.

Several weeks ago, the governor signed legislation to fully fund the MDS reimbursement system by having nursing providers tax themselves \$145 million. The provider tax brings in \$115 million annually in federal funds.

Budget Cut Endangers Seniors

- Health care services are at risk, leading to increased hospitalizations, and fewer seniors going back to their homes
- \$70 million in federal funds lost annually
- Endangering safety reforms recently passed by the legislature
- 7,000 jobs lost – when we need jobs more than ever

The 6 percent budget cut causes a \$140 million reduction in services to nursing home residents. This has two implications:

- A \$70 million loss in federal matching funds.
- With the recent increase to the bed tax, the State of Illinois is set to gain an additional \$115 million in federal matching funds. The proposed \$140 million reduction in services will cause any financial benefit from the recent increase to be lost.

Our state's multi-billion dollar budget deficit means we must capture federal matching funds. Please help us undo the 6 percent budget cut to protect the care and well-being of thousands of nursing home residents and prevent 7,000 health care workers from losing their jobs.

