

Nursing Home Providers and the 2025 Reconciliation Act

The Moving Forward Coalition envisions nursing homes as communities where people want to work, and residents are nurtured and empowered. This fact sheet outlines how the Act may threaten providers' ability to recruit staff, sustain operations, and maintain care quality.

More than Numbers: Recognizing Providers

There are approximately **14,827 nursing homes** in the United States, which serve more than **1.2 million people**, and are operated by a mix of owners, including individual, non-profit owners, and large corporate chains. Most nursing homes rely heavily on Medicaid, which covers **more than 60% of residents** and provides the primary funding stream for both care delivery and staffing.

Implications of the Act: Centering Providers

Providers are essential for providing quality care to residents. The cuts to Medicaid and restrictive immigration provisions may force providers to do more with less—stretching already limited resources to maintain quality. The Coalition is monitoring the following potential impacts on providers as the Act is implemented:

- Increasing Risk of Closures: 1 in 4 homes are at an elevated risk of closure or reduced capacity due to Medicaid funding reductions, which will leave residents with few alternatives.
- Reducing Quality: Budget constraints paired with immigration provisions
 that jeopardize the legal status of some workers, may reduce staffing
 ratios because of recruitment and budgetary concerns.
- **Diminishing Quality of Life:** Providers may be forced to eliminate recreation staff and programs due to limited funding which will reduce residents' quality of life.
- Delaying Coverage: Retroactive Medicaid limits may delay reimbursements for care already provided, which will increase financial risk for providers.

Our Response: Empowering Providers

The Moving Forward Coalition is committed to supporting nursing home providers. We want to hear directly from you about the impact of the 2025 Reconciliation Act on providers. Your voice matters. Whether you write your story or share a video, your contributions will help us protect providers across the country. Please share your experiences <u>here</u>.

Resources: Supporting Providers

There are several resources available to support nursing home providers. If you or someone you know need support, please consider the following resources:

Long-Term Care Associations:

These organizations provide guidance, training, and advocacy tailored to providers' operational needs. LeadingAge, for example, is a Steering Committee member that offers resources for nonprofit and faith-based providers.

Contacting Members of Congress:

Sharing your experience with elected officials helps them understand how policy changes affect providers. You can find your representatives here.

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