



Moving Forward Coalition Examines the Impact of 2025 Reconciliation Act on Nursing Home Quality

The **Moving Forward Coalition** is committed to improving nursing home quality and to ensuring that the people who live, work, and depend upon nursing home care drive both policy and practice. That commitment includes raising awareness about how recent legislation, such as the Reconciliation Act of 2025, affects care quality and access.

KFF's insightful data brief, ["A Look at Nursing Facility Characteristics in 2025,"](#) underscores the serious consequences of the 2025 Reconciliation Act on nursing home quality at a time when the long-term care sector is already facing a workforce crisis and increases in deficiencies that directly impact resident health and safety.

The impact of Medicaid cuts is not abstract – they will have real consequences for real people. The Coalition developed fact sheets to highlight our concerns about the impact of the Act on nursing home [residents](#), [workers](#), [providers](#), and [caregivers](#). As Lorie, a nursing home resident from New York, [reminds us in our Medicaid Matters for Nursing Home video](#), ***"Medicaid is not just a line in a budget. It is the only thing keeping me and many others safe, cared for, and connected to the world."***

Before the Act's passage, the Moving Forward Coalition convened a [Coalition Conversation](#) spotlighting Medicaid's critical role in nursing home quality by highlighting evidence, demonstrating impact, and elevating voices of lived experience. Speakers included Priya Chidambaram, Senior Policy Manager at KFF, Lori Smetanka, Executive Director of the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, and Jeanette Sullivan Martinez, a nursing home resident, and Resident Council President in Connecticut. Each shared why Medicaid matters for nursing home quality.

These resources all help to demonstrate why Medicaid is essential for nursing home quality and underscore the critical importance of elevating the experiences of the people who live, work, and depend upon nursing homes. The Coalition continues to seek testimonies from these populations about why Medicaid matters to them and how

the Act is impacting them. Please reach out to info@movingforwardcoalition.org for more information.

