MINNESOTA IS FACING THE COLLAPSE OF ITS SENIOR CARE SYSTEM

We need permanent, systemic changes and adequate funding to pay caregivers the wages they deserve and ensure access to care for Minnesota’s one million seniors.

This crisis will continue to worsen for seniors in need of care if left unsolved until the 2023 session. Lawmakers cannot go home without taking action.

COMMUNITIES FACING CLOSURE

An April survey of Minnesota’s long-term care providers shows the alarming financial condition of senior care settings across Minnesota.

40 NURSING HOMES

11%, or approximately 40 nursing homes, indicate that they may face closure if no action is taken.

400 ASSISTED LIVING

20%, or approximately 400 assisted living settings, indicate that they may face closure if no action is taken.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, THE STATE HAS LOST 12 NURSING HOMES:

5 have closed in the first 5 months of 2022 alone

THE IMPACT OF 400+ CLOSURES:

More than 14,000 seniors could be in jeopardy of losing access to the care they receive in long-term care settings.
HIGHER-THAN-EVER COSTS + LIMITED ADMISSIONS ARE LEADING TO COLLAPSE

23,000 positions throughout our settings are open, representing over 20% of Minnesota’s caregiving workforce. More than one-third of providers have increased base wages by 10% or more since the start of the pandemic to help recruit and retain caregivers.

+50%

Because of the staffing challenges, most nursing homes rely on costly staffing agencies to provide care for the older adults. Nursing homes report that their hourly costs for agency employees have increased in the current job market, in some cases by more than 50%.

78%

of nursing homes are limiting admissions due to insufficient staffing. Approximately 35% of assisted living are also limiting admissions. Without revenue, more than half of long-term care communities are forced to use reserves or lines of credit to keep their doors open.

Without state action to support permanent solutions this year, the promise of senior care will begin to disappear for Minnesota families, as the cost of operations regularly exceeds the monthly revenue available.

OPERATING IN THE RED

40% of assisted living have operating margins lower than -10%?

45% of nursing homes have operating margins lower than -10%

In 2022, if the current situation continues, the average nursing home is projected to lose over $800,000

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