

Services For Frail Seniors Paid by State General Revenue

Florida's Home Care Programs provide services over the long term that are NOT provided by Medicare and to seniors who are NOT eligible for Medicaid

Services include:

- Personal Care
- Home Delivered and Congregate Meals
- Caregiver Respite
- Nutritional Supplements
- Medical Transportation
- Home Health
- Care Management
- Emergency Alert Response
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Adult Day Care
- Incontinence Products
- Family Training and Support
- Homemaker Services
- Home Repairs/Modifications

Florida's General Revenue-funded home care programs:

- **Reduce the rate of growth of Medicaid**
- **Have program eligibility requirements to ensure only the most frail older adults are being served**
- **Cost less than institutional care**
- **Employ thousands of Floridians**
- **Delay nursing home care**
- **Support working caregivers**
- **Help seniors remain in their home safely**
- **Are cost effective, privatized, and leverage non-government resources**



Florida Council on Aging Recommends:

- **INCREASE** funding for Florida's General Revenue Home Care Programs by \$11.2 million to serve 1,541 of Florida's most frail* seniors on the waiting list and
- **CONTINUE** the base budget for these vital programs.

*Note: Frailtest, most at-risk seniors with a risk/rank level of 4 & 5 who are at imminent risk of institutionalization.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The waiting list has grown to historical proportions: 55,000 seniors! (DOEA 9-24-14)
- General Revenue support of home care programs can save an estimated \$66 million per year in state Medicaid dollars
- The average annual cost of care for the Community Care for the Elderly Program (CCE) is \$7,266 per person
- Over \$10,000,000 in local matching funds are collected annually by the Aging Network to enhance state/federal appropriations
- The Aging Network is supported by tens of thousands of volunteers who provided over 154 million hours of service equivalent to 39,054 full time positions and valued at \$3.4 billion
- Florida's seniors have a \$2,850 net POSITIVE impact on state and local economies
- 1 in 7 seniors lives in poverty; and 17% of Florida seniors face the threat of hunger

These organizations support these priorities:



Support for Florida's Seniors = Support for Florida's Families



Over 55,000 Frail, Lower-Income Seniors are Waiting for Essential Services

Support Florida's General Revenue Funded Home and Community Based Programs

Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)

Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)

Alzheimer's Disease Initiative & Respite Care (ADI)

Local Services Programs (LSP)

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Comparison of Florida's Long Term Care Programs

Statewide Medicaid Managed Long Term Care Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)

Must be physically impaired	✓	✓
Must be assessed and meet strict eligibility requirements	✓	✓
Provides services that help seniors remain at home and in the community	✓	✓
Delays the need for nursing home care	✓	✓
Serves seniors with low-income and minimal assets	✓	✓
Must be eligible for Medicaid	✓	
Co-pay requirement for in-home care		✓
Must provide services within 72 hours of referral by Adult Protective Services		✓
Local matching funds required		✓
Volunteers enhance and augment services		81 million hours per year

3,055 clients on home care waiting lists went into a nursing home at an additional cost of \$66 million. (FY 2011-12)



The wave of seniors has descended on Florida. We need to take notice or risk increased Medicaid costs for deep end care.

- Between 2010 – 2030, Florida will grow by almost 5 million; persons age 60 and older will account for over 56% of this growth.
- 1 in 4 Floridians are 60+.
- 3.572 million Floridians are 65+.
- 1.63 million Floridians are 75+.
- Half a million Floridians are 85+.

The time for action is now. Florida's budget can't afford to wait.

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