

One Compelling SOLUTION to Balance Florida's Budget...



- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative
- Community Care for the Elderly
- Home Care for the Elderly
- Local Service Programs
- Aging and Disabled Medicaid Waiver



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**... Serve Frail Seniors at HOME...
...And Save Over \$91 Million in General Revenue (per year)**

Why Should Florida's Elected Officials Support Home and Community Based Care for Seniors?

Because:

- 1) Nearly 4.2 million seniors call Florida home – almost 25% of our state's total population.** Many of these seniors retired to Florida years ago and contributed to Florida's 'growth economy' by buying homes, purchasing cars and paying taxes.
- 2) Many of these seniors are now in their 80's, 90s, and 100's – those MOST at risk of nursing home placement.** Most live alone; many require help with bathing, dressing, meals, etc. Many have outlived their financial resources and can no longer drive a car to buy groceries or see a doctor. Many care for a spouse with Alzheimer's Disease, dementia or cognitive impairment.
- 3) Without home care assistance, seniors are left with a single choice – more costly, less preferred nursing home care.**
- 4) As of September 30, 2009 nearly 30,000 seniors are on waiting lists for home care.** Without help to remain at home, many seniors will suffer preventable falls and illnesses and be admitted to a hospital. Some will return home, but many will be discharged to a nursing home, some appropriately, others prematurely due to a lack of home care options because of waiting lists.

Why should Florida's elected officials support Florida's Home & Community-Based Care Programs for Seniors? The answer is really very simple and based on sound economics as Florida continues to grapple with budget challenges:

Florida can either pay a little now for home care or WILL pay a whole lot more for nursing home care – it's that simple. Targeting our limited resources to provide home care to seniors who need help to remain in their homes for as long as possible will help our Legislators balance Florida's budget.

Home & Community Care Services for Seniors Reduce Costs

	SERVICES CONTINUUM												
	← Least Impaired & Lowest Cost	Older Americans Act Program	Contracted Services	Local Service Programs	Alzheimer's Disease Initiative & Respite Care	Home Care for the Elderly Program	Community Care for the Elderly Program	Aged & Disabled Medicaid Waiver	Assisted Living for the Frail Elderly Medicaid Waiver	Alzheimer's Disease Medicaid Waiver	Nursing Home Diversion Program	Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	→ Most Impaired & Highest Cost
Average Annual Cost of Care *	\$994	\$86	\$235	\$1,963	\$2,140	\$6,134	\$8,844	\$9,802	\$14,449	\$18,336	\$18,688	\$65,251	
Total Clients Served (FY 2008/09) *	81,624	12,495	29,828	7,242	4,521	17,573	11,000	4,000	350	16,402	550	68,051	

*Total clients served and total annual cost of care (General Revenue and Federal matching funds) is based on the most recent annual data available from Dept. of Elder Affairs April 2009.

The Fiscal Impact of Waiting Lists for Senior Home Care Programs: INCREASED MEDICAID COSTS

		(General Revenue [GR] Only)						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Program		Annual Cost of Home Care (GR Only)	Annual Cost of Nursing Home Care (GR Only) ⁽¹⁾	Number of Seniors on Home Care Waiting Lists ⁽²⁾	Number of Seniors on Waiting Lists that entered a Nursing Home and the GR Costs to care for them. ⁽³⁾	GR <u>Costs</u> to care for these same seniors IF they had been cared for at home	GR <u>Savings</u> if these same seniors had been cared for at home	FY 2010-11 GR Funding Needed to Serve Seniors on Waiting Lists who are <u>MOST AT RISK</u> of Nursing Home Care (<i>Risk Levels 4 & 5 Only</i>)
1	Community Care for the Elderly	\$6,134	\$19,776	18,000	\$61,591,940 (2987 seniors)	\$18,322,258	\$43,269,682	\$21,824,772 (3,558 seniors)
2	Home Care for the Elderly	\$2,140	\$19,776	1,766	\$6,144,760 (298 seniors)	\$637,720	\$5,507,040	\$1,542,940 (721 seniors)
3	Alzheimer's Respite Care & Memory Disorder Clinics	\$1,963	\$19,776	1,143	\$6,680,880 (324 seniors)	\$636,012	\$6,044,868	\$885,313 (451 seniors)
4	Aging and Disabled Medicaid Waiver⁽¹⁾	\$3,475	\$19,776	6,482	\$27,094,680 (1,314 seniors)	\$4,566,150	\$22,528,530	\$4,726,000 (1,360 seniors)
Totals:			27,391	\$101,512,260 (4,923 seniors)	\$24,162,140	<u>\$77,350,120</u>	\$28,979,025 (6,090 seniors)	

⁽¹⁾ General Revenue (GR)=39.3%; Federal Matching Rate for Medicaid (FMAP) FY 2010-11 (60.71%). Annual nursing home bed costs (GR+FMAP)= \$50,000.

⁽²⁾ Data provided by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs - DOEA waiting list report - 9/28/09; # of seniors entering a nursing home in FY 07-08.

⁽³⁾ The cost to serve seniors who were on home care waiting lists and entered a nursing home are based on the 2008 FMAP rate (58.76%).

⁽⁴⁾ FY 2010-11 Projected GR Cost Savings to provide home care to 6,090 seniors most at risk of nursing home care.

By appropriating \$28.9 million for home care, Florida could save an estimated \$91 million in additional nursing home care costs.⁽⁴⁾

WHAT ARE THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE, COMPELLING SOLUTIONS FOR FLORIDA'S BUDGET CRISIS?

- **Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, Respite Care and Memory Disorder Clinics** – Individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders and their families face special challenges that require help such as adult day care, respite for caregiver relief and caregiver training and support.
- **Community Care for the Elderly** – Assists functionally-impaired older adults to live at home by providing personal care (help with bathing, dressing), home repairs, home-delivered meals and medical transportation.
- **Home Care for the Elderly** – Helps Medicaid-eligible seniors with a caregiver to live at home, HCE provides a stipend of \$106 per month to help pay for home care, plus nutritional supplements and incontinence products.
- **Local Service Programs** – These programs target special needs within communities to help elders remain in their own homes. Services include homemaker services, adult day care, meals and health monitoring.
- **Aging and Disabled Medicaid Waiver** – Services provided to older persons/disabled individuals assessed as frail, functionally impaired and at risk of nursing home placement. Services include adult day health care, case management, emergency alert response, environmental modifications, family training/support, home-delivered meals, personal care, respite, skilled nursing, specialized medical equipment and incontinence supplies.

Remember:

- 1. Home and community-based services help seniors remain at home safely and with dignity.**
- 2. Home and community-based care for seniors is cost effective.** The average annual cost of care for Florida's home care programs for seniors is just **\$4,924** as compared to the average annual cost for Medicaid nursing home care **\$65,251**. In FY 2008, Florida's Aging and Disabled Waiver Program served 11,000 Medicaid-eligible seniors in their homes who were all determined to be at risk of nursing home care, **saving the state over \$508 million** in nursing home care costs.
- 3. Waiting lists for home care services increase costs.** In 2008, there were 4,923 seniors waiting to receive home care but instead entered a nursing home at an increased cost of over \$101 million in General Revenue dollars!