



# STATE HOUSE ADVOCACY KICK-OFF

**SUPPORT FUNDING FOR QUALITY NURSING HOME CARE**

**Thursday, January 30, 2020**

**11:00 am**

**State House, Room 437 (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

**Join us in launching our FY 2021 budget advocacy campaign! Our success depends on a strong and unified voice in support of funding for nursing facility care.**

- The Commonwealth's 383 nursing facilities provide a vital state service to more than 40,000 residents who can no longer live safely in the community and require 24-hour direct care from our dedicated frontline staff.
- Since 70% of nursing home residents rely on the state's MassHealth program to pay for their care, a facility's ability to invest in resident care and wages depends largely on state funding.
- 75% of a nursing facility's budget is used to fund employee wages and benefits for the 73,000 nursing home staff who provide around-the-clock, high quality care.
- \$38 per resident per day is the record-high gap between the cost of providing quality nursing facility care and Medicaid reimbursement. Closing the Medicaid funding gap is vital to protecting quality resident care and ensuring a stable and qualified workforce.

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