



# Washington Seniors Need Our Support

Since 2017, nineteen nursing homes—10% of the nursing homes in the state of Washington—have closed.

Nearly 70% of the patients in rely on the State Medicaid program, yet rates are so inadequate that these facilities are being forced to close and patients are forced to relocate.

When nursing homes close, people are harmed. Patients suffer transfer trauma. Families are unable to provide much needed support when patients are transferred out of their areas. Caregivers suffer wage interruption and job loss, as well as grief and loss.

The Legislature must understand that a budget process that puts people at risk is unacceptable.

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