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### **Pennsylvania Homecare Association Calls for Immediate Action, Increased Funding to Address Home-Based Care Workforce Crisis**

**Lemoyne, PA (August 30, 2021)** –Today, the [Pennsylvania Homecare Association](#) (PHA) distributed [an open letter](#) to Governor Wolf, the Departments of Human Services and Aging, and the General Assembly, urging immediate action to provide critical funding and additional supports for home and community-based care providers.

PHA also distributed a short video, [Crisis in Caregiving](#), highlighting the critical challenges home care providers are facing.

“Home-based care providers are facing a workforce crisis that is threatening access to care,” said Teri Henning, Esq., CEO of the Pennsylvania Homecare Association, “We urge state leaders to do anything they can to release federal stimulus funding provided by the American Rescue Plan as expeditiously as possible, to increase reimbursement rates and provide additional support for home-based care services. Without a significant increase, homecare agencies will continue to face unsustainable workforce shortages, threatening access to care for hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania’s most vulnerable individuals.”

Homecare providers, and more importantly, the people they serve, need help now.

**About PHA...** The Pennsylvania Homecare Association is a statewide membership organization of more than 700 homecare, home health and hospice providers. PHA members provide quality care and serve as advocates for their patients and clients on a variety of healthcare related issues. PHA and its members work to improve professional standards and ensure access to quality homecare throughout the Commonwealth. To learn more, visit [www.pahomecare.org](http://www.pahomecare.org).

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