



Pennsylvania Homecare Association

The Pennsylvania Homecare Association is a statewide membership association representing nearly 700 organizations that provide care and support to individuals in their homes. Members provide non-medical home care, home health, and hospice care to residents in all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.



## HEMOCARE

Homecare agencies provide non-medical services to help individuals with activities of daily living (ADLs), like transferring from a chair or bed, toileting, bathing, and getting dressed.



## HOME HEALTH

Home health provides skilled services, including nursing care and physical, occupational, speech and respiratory therapy. These services are usually short-term, as in the case of a person recovering from surgery or other time-limited health issues.



## HOSPICE

Hospice care brings together medical care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support for terminal patients and their families. Eighty percent of hospice care is provided in the patient's home.

## PENNSYLVANIA HOME-BASED CARE BY THE NUMBERS



TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT\*

**\$25.6 BILLION**



DIRECT EMPLOYEES\*

**292,577**



TAX REVENUE

**\$4.5 BILLION**

IN FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL TAXES

\*TRIPP UMBACH 2020 PHA ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

## MOST IMPORTANTLY...

- **More than 100,000** Pennsylvanians receive homecare services through the Community HealthChoices Waiver (Medicaid) for home and community-based services (HCBS). <sup>1</sup>
- **More than 140,000** Pennsylvanians pay privately or through insurance for homecare services.
- **More than 140,000** Pennsylvanians receive home health services each year. <sup>2</sup>
- **More than 72,000** Pennsylvanians receive in-home hospice services each year. <sup>2</sup>

1. <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/about/Documents/Data%20Dash%20December%202020.pdf>

2. <https://data.cms.gov/Medicare-Hospice/Home-Health-Hospice-SNF-IRF-and-LTCH-Provider-Tabl/7kis-7642/data>



## WHO PAYS?

Homecare services are paid by the consumer through a private payment agreement, or where eligible, by the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance program. Home health and hospice care are typically paid for through the federal government's Medicare program or privately.

## COST OF CARE IN PA (2020)\*

### Annual Median Costs:

Pennsylvania - State<sup>①</sup> (2020)

<b>In-Home Care</b> <sup>①</sup>	2020
Homemaker Services <sup>1</sup>	\$54,912
Home Health Aide <sup>1</sup>	\$54,912
<b>Community and Assisted Living</b> <sup>①</sup>	2020
Adult Day Health Care <sup>2</sup>	\$18,200
Assisted Living Facility <sup>3</sup>	\$47,457
<b>Nursing Home Facility</b> <sup>①</sup>	2020
Semi - Private Room <sup>4</sup>	\$120,450
Private Room <sup>4</sup>	\$129,940

<sup>1</sup> Based on 44 hours per week by 52 weeks; <sup>2</sup> Based on 5 days per week by 52 weeks; <sup>3</sup> Based on 12 months of care, private, one bedroom; <sup>4</sup> Based on 365 days of care

\*2020 GENWORTH COST OF CARE STUDY

## 2021 PRIORITIES

- **Increase state and federal funding** to ensure access to quality home-based care so that Pennsylvanians can stay **#safeathome**.
- Support initiatives to **strengthen and support the direct care workforce**.
- **Secure COVID-19 related liability protections** for health care workers on the frontlines of responding to the pandemic.
- **Ensure that home care providers and individuals receiving care have the resources they need, including PPE, testing supplies, and access to vaccine.**
- **Retain administrative flexibilities and waivers**, including that nurse practitioners and physician assistants can continue to order and oversee home health.
- **Implement Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST)** legislation in Pennsylvania.
- **Support meaningful updates to the Older Adult Protective Services Act** to keep seniors safe and preserve access to quality care.

