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## **PHA Supports Legislation to Increase Medicaid Reimbursement Rates, Improve Access to In-Home Care**

**Harrisburg (April 29, 2022)** – Teri Henning, CEO of the Pennsylvania Homecare Association (PHA), issued the following statement in response to the introduction of legislation to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates and improve access to in-home care across Pennsylvania.

“The Pennsylvania Homecare Association thanks Representative Jim Struzzi (R-Indiana) for championing legislation to increase the availability of personal assistance services across Pennsylvania.

“[HB 2563](#) will increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to support an average direct care worker wage of \$15/hour, giving providers the ability to better compete for qualified in-home caregivers. Massive workforce shortages due to chronic underfunding of these services have threatened access to care, and this bill will help to support homecare providers in offering these vital, life-sustaining services to so many Pennsylvanians in need.

“Today more than 115,000 Pennsylvanians are eligible to receive home and community-based services through Pennsylvania’s Community HealthChoices program. Enrollment in the program has increased significantly in recent years, as more Pennsylvanians than ever before want to age and receive care in the safety and dignity of their own homes and communities.

“PHA looks forward to working with Representative Struzzi and all legislators to help advance this critical legislation. The model of care is changing, and now is the time to invest in home care.

***About PHA...** The Pennsylvania Homecare Association is a statewide organization of nearly 700 home health, homecare and hospice providers. PHA members provide quality care and serve as advocates for their patients and clients on a variety of healthcare 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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