

A GROWING BURDEN FOR ILLINOIS: COST IMPACT OF ALZHEIMER'S CARE ON MEDICAID



NOTE

The FY16 Budget impasse has forced a massive statewide closure of services and programs designed to keep these costs down. Faced with fewer options, Illinoisans with dementia may be forced to prematurely seek institutional care, substantially increasing projected care costs to Medicaid.

- Seniors with Alzheimer's and other dementias rely on Medicaid at a rate nearly three times greater than other seniors.
- By the age of 80, 75 percent of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias will be admitted to a nursing home, compared to just four percent of the general population.
- By 2025, the number of Illinois residents with Alzheimer's will increase by nearly 25 percent, representing a cost increase of more than 43 percent to the Illinois Medicaid system.
- Illinois must anticipate the demands of long-term care on our Medicaid budget.

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