



Missouri

COALITION OF ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CHAPTERS

6th

leading cause
of death

110,000

Missourians
have Alzheimer's

70%

receive care
at home

305,000

unpaid
caregivers

\$4.2 billion

value of
unpaid care

Fund Alzheimer's Grants for Respite

WHAT:

Funds provide critical respite care assistance to eligible family caregivers across Missouri.

70% of people with Alzheimer's are living at home with family support. Families can not do it alone.

**\$450,000 in the Budget for
Department of Health & Senior
Services**

WHO:

Respite care assistance provides up to \$500/year for respite support or care-related products to families caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's at home.

Caregivers provide \$4.2 billion of uncompensated care, much of which would otherwise be provided in nursing homes and funded by Medicaid.

WHY:

Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death and has no cure.

The disease trajectory is lengthy, spanning 8-20 years following diagnosis. Individuals require steadily increasing assistance with all activities of daily living.

The care demands exact a terrible toll on caregivers – physically, mentally and financially.

Fiscal Impact of Alzheimer's Grants:

99% of respite recipients state that respite helped them care for their loved one at home longer.

Missouri HealthNet spends more than \$158 million annually caring for people with Alzheimer's in nursing homes.

If nursing home placement was delayed by one month for 800 people in the respite program, the state could save more than \$2 million in Medicaid nursing home costs.

**800
respite
families**

X

**\$147 average
NH Medicaid
cost/day**

X

**30 days
delay in NH
placement**

X

**60%
NH residents on
Medicaid**

=

**\$2,116,800
SAVINGS
in Medicaid NH costs**