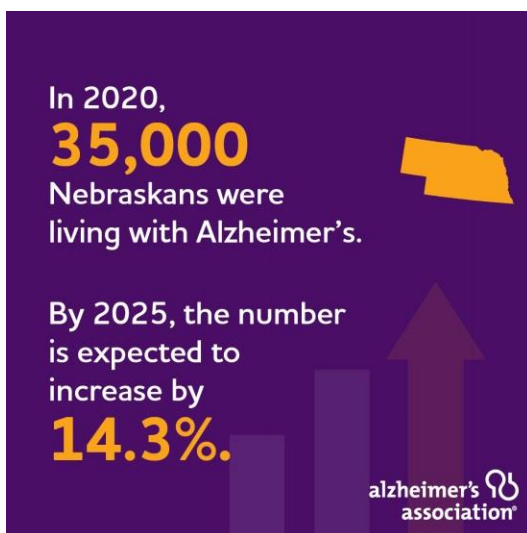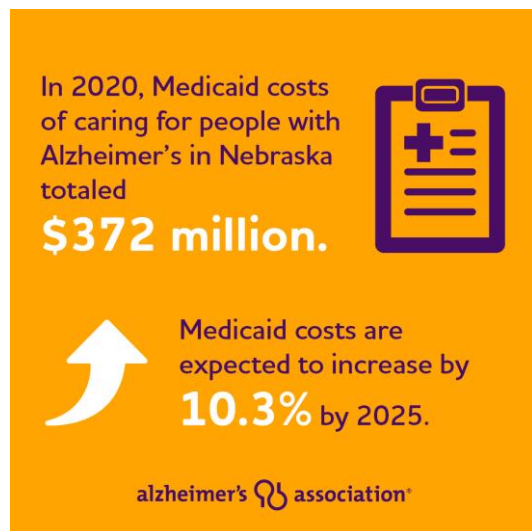# Nebraska State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD)

ADRD in Nebraska

- 35,000 Nebraskans over 65 are living with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's is the state's 6th leading cause of death, and deaths attributable to Alzheimer's increased nearly 18% during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Medicaid costs of caring for Nebraskans with Alzheimer's totaled $372 million in 2021, with annual costs projected to rise 10.3% by 2025.

State Alzheimer's Disease Plans

- Each state has unique gaps and needs, and a state-specific plan can recommend tailored policies to serve those living with dementia and their families.
- State Alzheimer's disease plans establish accountability by helping to ensure policymakers create the infrastructure necessary to address the growing crisis.
- When successfully implemented by state legislatures and state agencies, state plans result in a timely and effective response to Alzheimer's disease.

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The Nebraska State Plan

- In 2016, the *Nebraska State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* was presented to the Unicameral and Governor Ricketts.
- The plan contained 31 recommended actions in areas including workforce development, public health, and dementia care resources.
- **LB 374** would establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council to develop an updated Nebraska State Plan, require annual reporting, and require a plan update every 4 years.

Funding Opportunities

- Grant funding is available from the CDC to assist with the implementation of State Plan recommendations.
- Passage of LB 374 would position Nebraska well to apply for and receive these and other grant funds, helping to further alleviate the financial burden of Alzheimer's disease on our state budget and health systems.

Alzheimer's is the nation's largest under-recognized public health crisis. We must take action now, before Alzheimer's disease devastates more Nebraskans and our state's health care system.

Please support LB 374 - a fiscally responsible approach that ensures Nebraska can properly serve our growing older adult population, and position our state to compete for federal funding opportunities.