Medicaid: Funding Nursing Center Care in Arkansas

The Medicaid program funds long term services and supports (LTSS) for seniors and people with disabilities across the nation, helping them accomplish basic daily activities like bathing, getting dressed, fixing meals, and walking.

People who require nursing center care under Medicaid typically require extensive help with basic daily activities, assistance due to Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias, and can have multiple chronic conditions. Medicare and private insurance do not cover many of these critical services. Medicaid should be protected and preserved, as any cut puts these millions of Americans at severe risk.

Arkansas Profile

Total Nursing Centers: 228

Total Employees: 22,939

Total Direct Care Staff: 14,207

Total Patients Served: 39,124

Percent of care covered by Medicaid: 66.4%

Total Long-Stay Patients: 26,488

Average Long-Stay Patient Age: 80

Average Long-Stay ADL dependency: 7.4

Average Percent of Long-Stay Patients with Dementia: 54.2%