STATE OF NURSING HOME INDUSTRY:
FACING FINANCIAL CRISIS AND STAFFING CHALLENGES

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) conducted a survey of 953 nursing home providers across the U.S. on their financial and staffing challenges.

Two-thirds of nursing homes say they won’t make it another year given current operating pace due to increased COVID costs. 90 percent of nursing homes are currently operating at a loss or less than three percent profit margin. (65 percent currently operating at a loss). 66 percent of nursing homes say they will not make it another year at their current operating pace due to increased COVID costs.

Staffing has been the top cost in response to COVID with nine out of 10 nursing homes hiring additional staff and/or paying staff overtime. 58 percent of nursing homes said additional staff pay and hiring new staff were their top cost incurred due to COVID. 70 percent of nursing homes have hired additional staff and nine out of 10 have asked current staff to work overtime and provided hero pay.

Urgent Need for Congress to Replenish Emergency Funding Through HHS Provider Relief Fund

“Our nursing home providers are facing the worst financial crisis in the history of the industry due to increased costs related to COVID (testing, PPE, staffing) and chronic underfunding of Medicaid. Without adequate funding and resources, the U.S. will repeat the same mistakes made during the initial outbreak last spring. We need Congress to prioritize our vulnerable seniors and their caregivers in long term care facilities, by passing another COVID relief package.”

Mark Parkinson, President and CEO, American Health Care Association