

# Medicaid: Funding Nursing Center Care in Louisiana

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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.

## Louisiana Profile

Total Nursing Centers: **279**

Total Employees: **29,387**

Total Direct Care Staff: **16,993**

Total Patients Served: **52,018**

Percent of care covered by Medicaid: **74.0%**

Total Long-Stay Patients: **39,331**

Average Long-Stay Patient Age: **77**

Average Long-Stay ADL dependency: **7.4**

Average Percent of Long-Stay Patients with Dementia: **42.0%**