

We can't turn our back on her when she needs us.



Oppose Cuts to Nursing Home Care!

Rhode Island's nursing homes are struggling to provide the quality care that our seniors deserve. Despite being chronically under funded by the Medicaid program - the primary payment source for nursing home care - Rhode Island's nursing home patients are now facing more funding cuts that will negatively impact their quality of life.

Specifically, two cuts proposed in Governor Carcieri's 2009 budget could have a devastating effect on the elderly and chronically ill in nursing homes. First, a reduction in labor reimbursement would exacerbate Rhode Island's critical caregiver shortage. Second, a delay in reimbursement earmarked for annual inflationary increases would directly affect the quality of care received by nursing home residents.

If these cuts are passed, caregiver jobs will be lost and nursing home services will be threatened.

Call or write your legislator today to ask them to oppose the cuts outlined in Governor Carcieri's proposed 2009 budget.

For more information about how cuts to nursing home care could affect you or your loved ones and what you can do to help, visit www.rihca.com.

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