



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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Below is information provided by LeadingAge PA regarding the 2023-2024 Budget

Confirmed: 2023-24 State Budget includes modest increase for year-two staffing

LeadingAge PA was able to obtain confirmation from the Senate Republican Appropriations Committee that a **\$15.8 million increase is included in the 2023-2024 state budget to help nursing homes meet year-two staffing mandates**. The funding increase will roll out starting Jan. 1, 2024, ahead of the year-two staffing requirements which go into effect July 1, 2024.

Senate Republicans confirmed the following details:

- While the \$15.8 million was shown as an “Other Provider Payment” in budgetary models (rather than being listed explicitly as a rate increase), the funds will be paid as a rate increase.
- The \$15.8 million will be annualized (to \$31.6 million) beginning in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
- Funding will flow through Community HealthChoices Managed Care Organization (CHC MCO) payments, except for fee-for-service residents paid directly by the Department of Human Services (DHS).
 - LeadingAge PA is awaiting confirmation from DHS as to exactly how the increase will be built in (e.g., through the State-Directed Payment rates like last year’s increase)
- A federal match will be applied to the \$15.8 million. Read more in the LeadingAge PA Aug. 31st [member alert](#).