



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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Action Alert from LeadingAge PA

On March 1, 2022, LeadingAge PA announced that Pennsylvania's nursing homes were underfunded by nearly \$1.2 billion from Medicaid in 2019-2020, according to a report commissioned by the Association. To begin helping address this inequity, LeadingAge PA is calling for state lawmakers to approve a \$294 million increase in funding for the 2022-23 state budget. This information was announced at a press conference held at the Capitol. *(Watch for information in the next PARCR Post on PARCR's participation in the press conference.)*

LeadingAge kicked off a strong campaign to urge state lawmakers to approve the \$294 million increase in funding for the 2022-23 state budget. LeadingAge PA confirms that years of Medicaid underfunding has created a dire situation in which Pennsylvania nursing home providers have suffered an uphill battle to keep their doors open and beds online without sacrificing quality of care.

Charles Quinnan, Senior Vice President & Chief of Government Affairs of LeadingAge PA, sent an urgent action letter to LeadingAge PA member nursing facilities requesting their advocacy. It has been reported that requests from the constituents, such as PARCR members, of our senators and representatives to General Assembly adds a great deal of weight to the advocacy. LeadingAge PA is offering PARCR members the opportunity to participate in the campaign to increase Medicaid funding.

Click on the link to participate:

<https://www.voterve.net//LeadingAgePA/Campaigns/92585/Respond>

Special Hints: You may have to hit control + click on the link for it to open.

You can read more information about the need for an increase on the left side.

Once you fill out your address on the right side, your representative and senator's names should appear above the letter.

You can just send the letter provided, as it is. Or you can type and add your own reasons why the increase is meaningful to you.

Please feel free to contact me, Gail Stelger, as above, if you have questions or have problems with the link.