

HOME CARE: THE SMART SOLUTION FOR TEXAS



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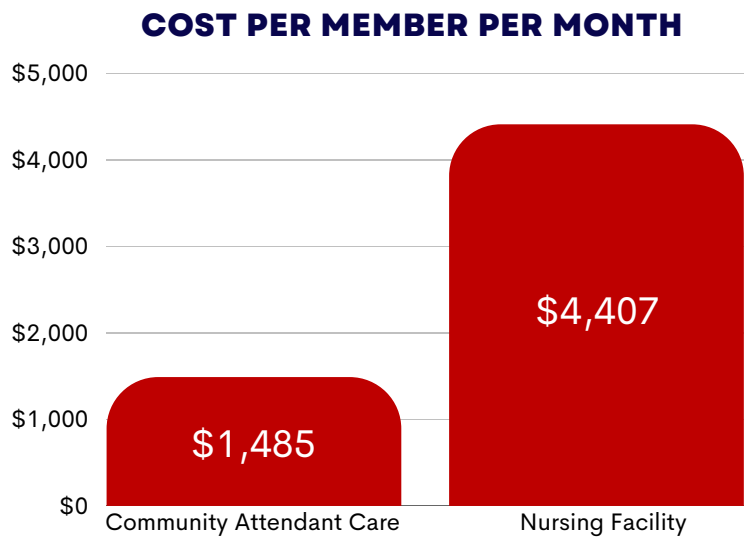
WHAT IS HOME CARE?

Home care provides services to an individual who needs assistance to live independently, including those managing a chronic health condition or diagnosed with a disability. Personal attendants assist in the home with activities of daily living, reducing placement in more costly settings, like nursing homes. Hundreds of thousands of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and children with complex medical conditions depend on home-based services.

A LIFELINE FOR TEXAS FAMILIES & SAVINGS FOR TAXPAYERS

Community-based home care is one-third the cost of nursing homes and reduces emergency department visits and hospitalizations. Home-based services are also preferred by care recipients and their families.

Source: Texas State Senate Bill 1, 88th Legislature

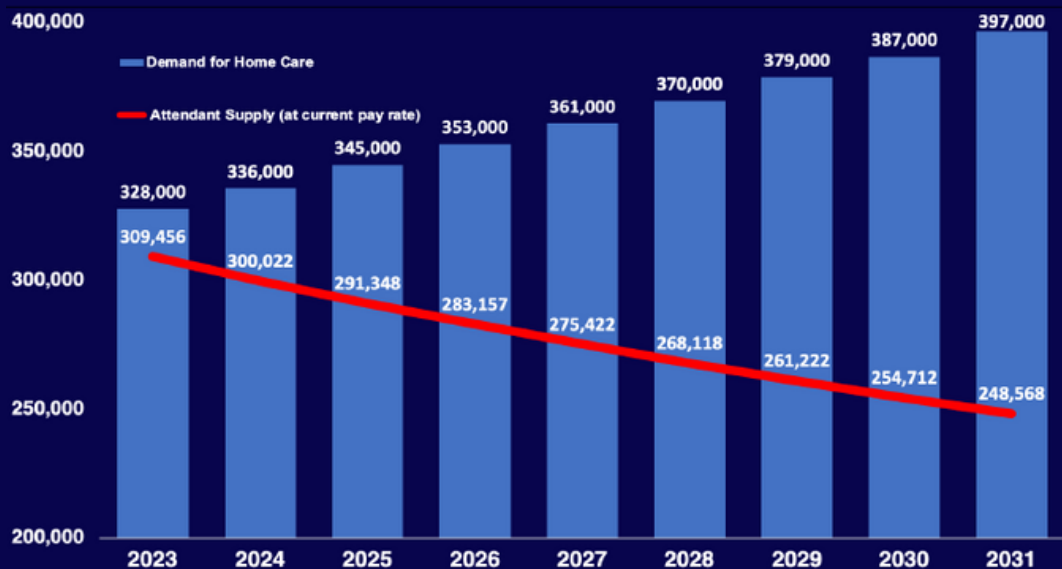


A SEVERELY UNDERFUNDED INDUSTRY AND WORKFORCE CRISIS

The Texas Legislature and Health and Human Services Commission determine personal attendant rates in the state.

Texas has failed to set a sustainable rate to support the industry for more than 16 years.

In 2023, home care providers are unable to meet today's workforce demands and rising costs, resulting in a severe caregiver shortage. Personal care attendants prevent unnecessary placement in nursing homes and reduce hospitalizations by delivering high-quality, health sustaining services in the home.



Source: The Perryman Group

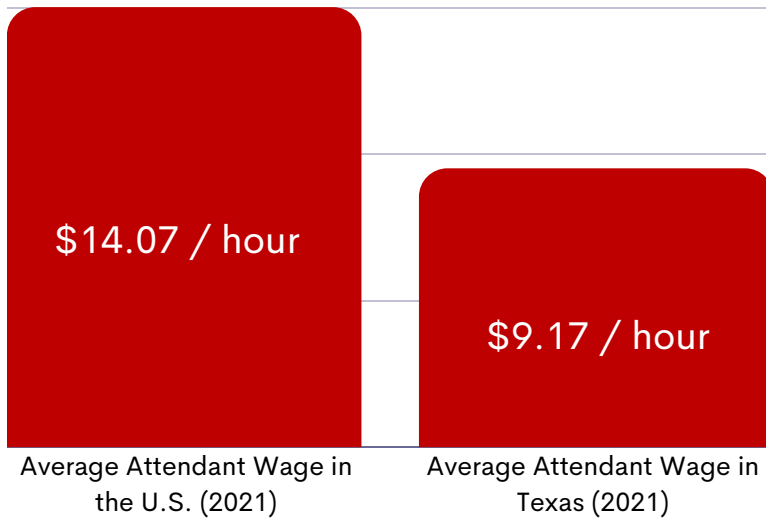
Current labor market trends and existing reimbursement rates will result in a shortage of nearly 150,000 home care workers by 2031.

SAVING TEXAS BILLIONS

Years of inaction have resulted in the erosion of community attendant wages. To remain competitive, home care providers need to pay higher wages to ensure a stable workforce and maintain access to quality care. In order to maintain a network of high quality community care providers, we are asking the legislature to fully fund operational costs and ensure agencies can pay attendants up to \$15 per hour.

By increasing funding for home care, the state would save approximately \$22.8 billion through 2031.

HOW HOME CARE COMPARES



Source: The Bureau of Labor Statistics

The home care industry needs a pathway to:

- Increase community attendant pay to \$15/hour to address the workforce shortage.
- Increase administrative reimbursement by 20% to fully comply with state and federal program mandates.

A SMART INVESTMENT

A well-funded home care industry means cost-savings for the long-term and a robust health care system that can meet every Texan's unique needs.

Texas Medicaid Community Attendant programs serve more than 300,000 older adults, individuals with disabilities, and children with complex medical conditions. As facility-based health care costs skyrocket, home care can relieve the burden on Texas taxpayers by reducing long-term care costs and decreasing ER visits, hospital admissions, and readmissions.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE MUST INVEST IN COST-SAVING HEALTH CARE MEASURES NOW TO PREPARE FOR A GROWING AND AGING TEXAS.

Visit savehomecare.org to learn more about the issues facing the Texas home care industry.

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