

## Impact of Alzheimer's in Minnesota



**91,000** people in Minnesota aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's, and more than **5 million** nationwide



**249,000** Alzheimer's caregivers in Minnesota are providing **284 million hours** of unpaid care valued at nearly **\$3.5 billion**



Medicaid costs are set to skyrocket to **\$1 billion** by **2025** as the baby boomers continue to enter the age of greatest risk for Alzheimer's

2015

Medicaid costs of caring for people in Minnesota with Alzheimer's were estimated to be **\$767 million**



Alzheimer's is the **6th** leading cause of death in Minnesota

# Alzheimer's Disease Working Group

## Support the bill to reconvene the Alzheimer's Disease Working Group

Review and revise the recommendations to Legislature to ensure that Minnesota is prepared for Alzheimer's.

### House File 262 - Senate File 120

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Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in America and there is currently no means to slow, stop or prevent this disease. Alzheimer's takes a significant toll on individuals, families and on our state budget. The State of Minnesota and our communities must be prepared to address Alzheimer's. We can do that by reviewing and revising the recommendations by the 2009 Alzheimer's Disease Working Group, which included 24 recommendations in seven different key areas.

Alzheimer's is not a one-time problem. It will continue to escalate until we find a way to prevent or cure it. We must continually adjust our plan to ensure we are on track to minimize the impact on our families, our communities and the state budget.

### The Alzheimer's Disease Working Group should review and revise recommendations to:

- Measure trends and disparities in our state's population living with Alzheimer's
- Increase public awareness and understanding of Alzheimer's
- Improve early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's
- Expand medical and professional education about Alzheimer's
- Ensure quality training for direct care workers
- Provide strong caregiver supports
- Improve long-term care financing
- Ensure adequate residential services, licensing and regulation

# Together we will #ENDALZ.

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