

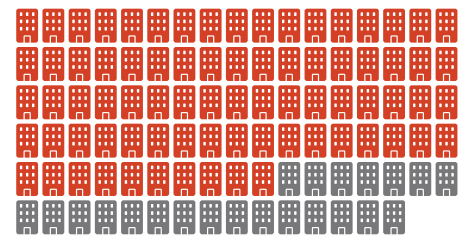
MINNESOTA IS FACING THE COLLAPSE OF ITS SENIOR CARE SYSTEM.

Minnesota's long-term care system needs support from the state to pay caregivers the wages they deserve and ensure access to care in all the places seniors call home.



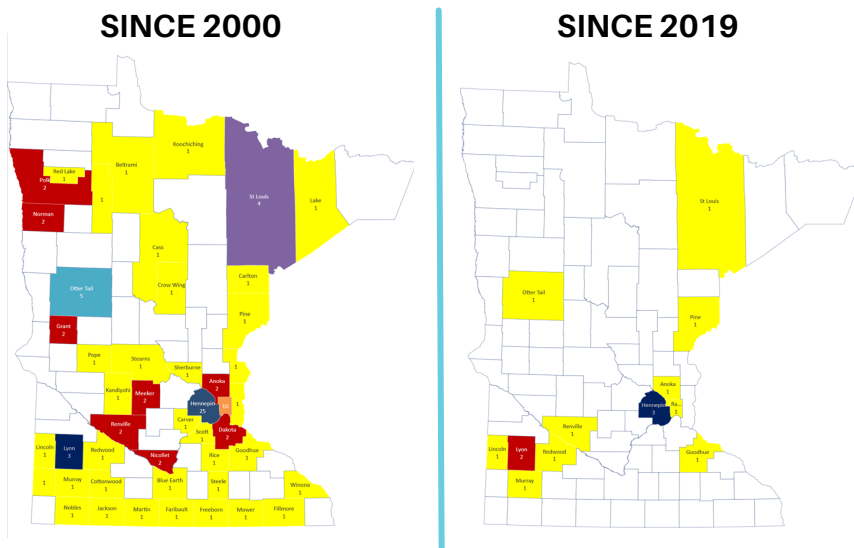
MINNESOTANS ARE AT RISK OF LOSING ACCESS TO NEEDED SENIOR CARE WITHIN THEIR HOME COMMUNITIES WITHOUT PERMANENT WAGE INCREASE FOR PROFESSIONAL CAREGIVERS.

The Legislature must address the issue of permanent wage increases during this session.



As closures loom, access to care is already diminishing as approximately

Nursing Homes Closed



78%

of Minnesota's nursing homes are limiting admissions.

Nearly 35% of assisted living settings are also limiting the number of older adults they are able to serve.

The primary reason cited was insufficient staff to meet resident needs.

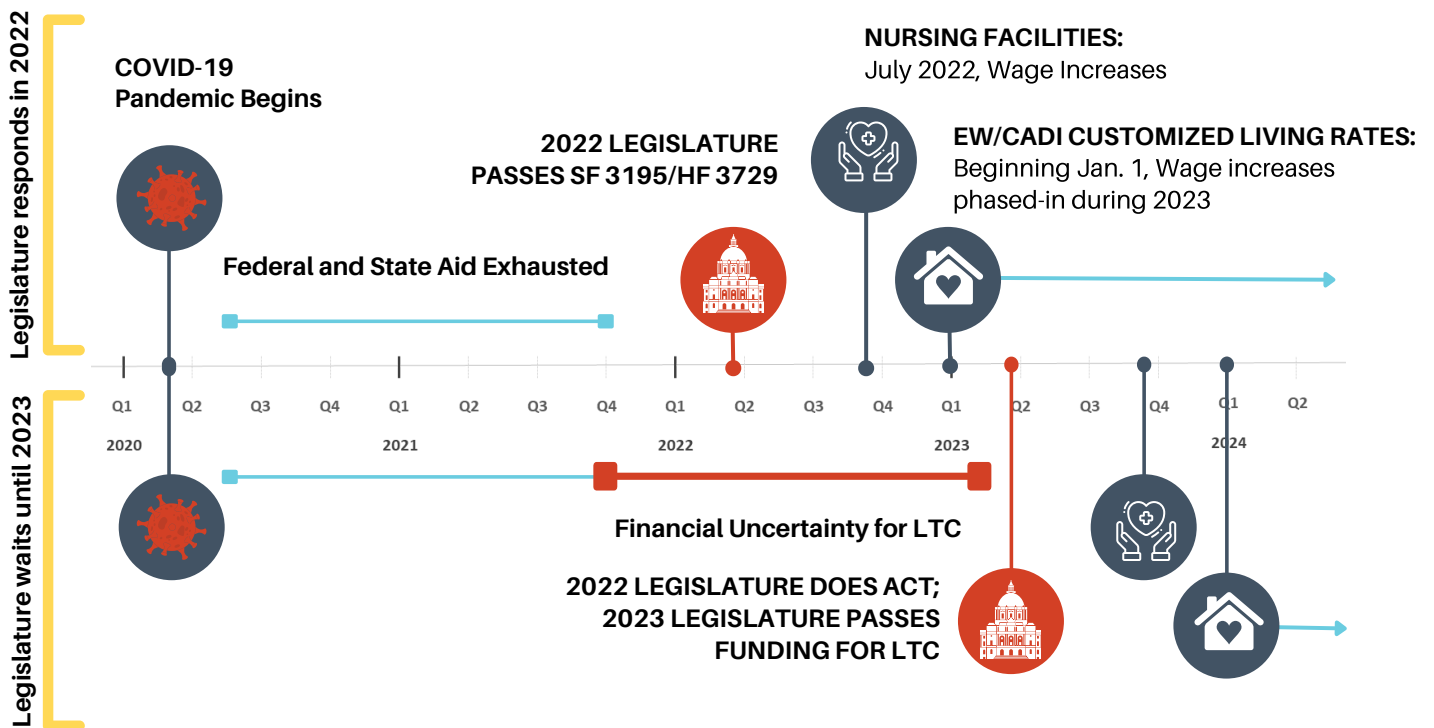
- Fifteen nursing homes in Minnesota have closed their doors since 2019, including three in 2022 alone. Just last
- County commissioners voted to close Ramsey County Care Center in Maplewood due to insurmountable operational costs. Ninety-five residents must be relocated.
- The impact of one closure is staggering, and dozens more face staffing crises that could lead to closure if lawmakers don't act soon.

WAITING FOR ANOTHER SESSION WILL RESULT IN THE CLOSURE OF EVEN MORE AGING SERVICES SETTINGS AND DECREASE ACCESS TO CARE FOR SENIORS WHEN AND WHERE THEY NEED IT.



As the state contemplates how to spend a significant budget surplus, seniors and their caregivers must be a top priority.

IF 2022 LEGISLATURE PASSES FUNDING FOR LONG-TERM CARE, WAGE INCREASES FOR CAREGIVERS BEGIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY IN NURSING HOMES AND HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS WILL SEE SUPPORT AS EARLY AS 2023



THE IMPACT OF DELAYED LEGISLATIVE ACTION WILL RESULT IN A YEAR+ OF EXTREME FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY FOR LONG-TERM CARE COMMUNITIES ALREADY STRUGGLING TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN



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