

St. Anne Home is a non-profit CCRC made up of 155 licensed nursing facility beds, 54 licensed Personal Care Home beds and 11 residential independent living homes serving the Greensburg, PA, and surrounding area since 1964. St. Anne Home is an independent single site organization who reinvests in our ministry as all non-profit organizations must do. They put vulnerable people like our residents, patients, employees, and volunteers before profits. I understand that they continue to operate despite continued financial losses from operations for the last eight years. I have been informed that they have been good stewards of their resources and have been using reserve funding to continue to operate their nursing facility (NF) through this period of inadequate government funding, however this is not sustainable in the long run.

If Medicaid funding does not increase Pennsylvania will lose many nursing facility (NF) providers like St. Anne Home and Pennsylvanians will be forced to receive nursing facility (NF) care from organizations controlled by Private Equity firms and other organizations that put profits before people. There is much literature, academic studies and reporting that support this conclusion that lack of Medicaid funding is resulting in this staffing shortage, fewer options for our most vulnerable older adults, families can't easily find a nursing home / nursing facility (NF) when a loved one is discharged from a hospital - no beds are available in our local area for long term (NF) placement, NF providers have a hard time paying employees more competitive wages. Unlike some companies like Starbucks and Amazon, who can raise the cost of their products and services, their government compensation is fixed at pre-inflationary rates.



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| **Please - TAKE ACTION: Tell Gov. Shapiro funding increases are needed for aging services in the 2024-2025 state budget** This week, LeadingAge PA sent letters to the Governor’s office urging that the below budget asks be included in his FY 2024-25 state budget proposal, as the Shapiro administration is already working on the Governor’s 2024-2025 budget proposal in preparations for his February budget address: * **A 5% rate increase (plus inflationary add-on and consideration for additional financial burdens) for the LIFE program** to help bridge the gap from years of inequity and stagnant rates not keeping pace with increased costs. Let the Governor know how critical this need is here: [https://www.votervoice.net/LeadingAgePA/Campaigns/109205/Respond](https://leadingagepa.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e1c7c703064529f970f54e669&id=78d5e1d00b&e=ba2efcd90b)
* **$70 million investment in nursing homes (a 3.5% rate increase)** to help address year-two staffing ratios and additional costs and inflation providers continue to endure. Tell the Governor you support this needed funding here: [https://www.votervoice.net/LeadingAgePA/Campaigns/109204/Respond](https://leadingagepa.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e1c7c703064529f970f54e669&id=6903ab9396&e=ba2efcd90b)

Please share the above VoterVoice action alerts far and wide so that you, your colleagues, and residents or participants can contact the Governor directly to express support for these funding needs. You can also **download the VoterVoice app** (available for [Apple](https://leadingagepa.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e1c7c703064529f970f54e669&id=8031ca35c0&e=ba2efcd90b)) and sign up for alerts from LeadingAge PA so you never miss an opportunity to take action! |

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