

Skilled Nursing Facilities in Washington

- Washington's skilled nursing facilities care for the most medically complex long-term care residents—and are required to provide 24/7 registered nurse care.
- The Legislature continues to make important progress toward closing the gap on a long-standing skilled nursing facility Medicaid rates shortfall that made it difficult for providers to compete for staff.
- We appreciate the Legislature's work last session to make a much-needed investment in skilled nursing facility Medicaid rates. On July 1, 2024, rates will be updated to 2022 costs and will include an inflation factor to make sure rates keep up with costs.
- For 2024, it will be important for the Legislature to provide DSHS with the flexibility to implement the federal patient driven payment model for skilled nursing facilities. SB (Senate Bill) 5802 is legislation that creates that flexibility.
- The Legislature's continued work to support and stabilize skilled nursing facility care is important and necessary—one of three Washingtonians will need support with long-term care, and skilled nursing facilities are an essential part of the delivery system.

Connect with Your Legislators

You are an expert in the issues that affect your skilled nursing facility. Write a letter, make a phone call, or schedule an in-person or virtual meeting with lawmakers to share your insights.

These talking points will help you talk to your legislators about important issues that will impact skilled nursing in Washington in 2024 and beyond.

Questions?

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