

# LAW / WHCA Funding Priorities



## **Support Worker Wages**

- \$202M Total (\$96M GF-S) to fund 100% of the worker wage component of the AL Model.
- \$47M Total (\$23M GF-S) to provide a \$75 rate add-on to the AL Specialty Dementia Care providers. This add-on specifically recognizes differentials in staffing and physical plant requirements.
- \$72M Total (\$36M GF-S) to maintain SNF funding at 111% of the direct care median. This funding provided a wage increase of up to \$4.00 an hour for low-wage workers. If this funding is not maintained, providers cannot continue paying the higher wages.



## **Long-term, Structural Rate Fixes for SNF Rates**

- \$187M Total (\$94M GF-S) for annual rate rebases, consistent inflationary adjustments, and a more accurate methodology for addressing minimum occupancy.
- \$9M GF-S to fill a shortfall and stabilize the Safety Net Assessment portion of the SNF rates.
- \$10 M Total (\$5M GF-S) for Nursing Home Specialty Rates that incentivize and recognize the higher cost of care for ventilators, tracheotomy, behaviors, and traumatic brain injuries.

Impacts based on 2023-25 DSHS decision package: 050- PL- SB Medicaid Provider Rates