

Help expand access to senior care. Support SB 520.

A 2023 PHCA member survey revealed that an estimated **9,000 Pennsylvania residents** transitioned from senior living and care communities to nursing homes in 2022 because they could no longer afford care on their own.

PHCA is championing SB 520, which will allow older adults residing in assisted living communities to age in place without being forced to transition to a nursing home when their financial means run out. In Pennsylvania, seniors and adults with disabilities who need to rely on Medicaid to cover their cost of care only have the option to receive that care in a nursing home.

SB 520 will allow some personal care homes to more efficiently convert to assisted living communities, while Pennsylvania’s Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) simultaneously prepare to offer payments that assist in covering the cost of care for a resident who can no longer privately pay for care on their own.

Support workforce solutions to recruit more caregivers.

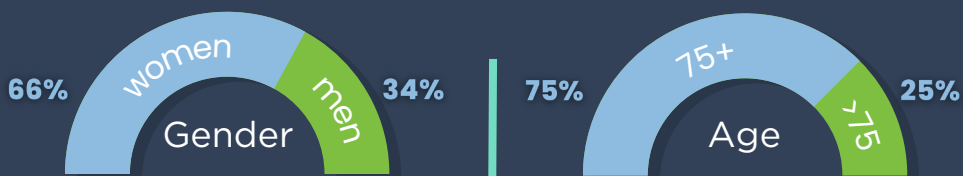
PHCA is proposing several legislative concepts to grow the workforce pipeline in assisted living residences and personal care homes, including:

Senate Bill 1103: Directing the Department of Human Services to **create a skills competency evaluation** for prospective caregivers in lieu of a high school diploma or GED equivalency.

Senate Bill 1104: Introducing a new generation of Pennsylvanians to careers in nursing by **allowing high school juniors and seniors to earn up to two credits** toward their graduation requirement by working in a congregate health care setting.

FAST FACTS: Pennsylvania Senior Living and Care Communities

Resident Profile



Senior Living Community Profile



Resident Common Conditions & Daily Needs

