



Alliance for Low-Income Personal Care Home Advancement



Thank you very much for your interest in how to support the low-income Personal Care Homes in PA. How do we ensure that older Pennsylvanians and individuals with disabilities can age with the dignity, respect, and security they deserve, especially since neither Medicare nor Medicaid do not help to pay for the cost of a Personal Care Home ("PCH") or Assisted Living Residence?

These homes support a low-income Pennsylvanian with the Supplemental Security Income payment of only \$39 per day and this rate hasn't increased since 2006. Also, since 2006, inflation has increased the cost of goods and services by 33% for these small business owners. COVID-19 has further devastated the PCH operators with extra expenses for PPE, increased staffing costs, food, and support costs. As you are aware, the human costs to long-term care residents have been incalculable.

I am grateful that Governor Wolf included an increase in the Pennsylvania Personal Care Home Supplement rate. **As we move into the legislative season of budget discussions and hearings, we need your help now more than ever before.**

ALPHA advocates for low-income residents who need supportive care and the PCHs that accept the SSI Supplement. **We are at an incredible juncture as Gov. Wolf included a 50M annual increase for SSI Homes in the 2022-2023 budget.** Now the hard part. **We need to reach all members of the State Senate and State House** and tell our legislators we need their support on this important issue. Our software will make it easy for you to communicate with your state legislators and we've only had a touchpoint in about half of the PA counties!

Please go to our software through this link: <https://www.congressweb.com/ALPHA/3>. Once on the home page, you can email or mail your state legislators using our suggested letter. The system will auto-populate your correct legislators since you've entered your home address. Please follow these instructions to communicate directly with your state representative and state senator:

1. Go to <https://www.congressweb.com/ALPHA/3>
2. Enter your Street Address and Zip – press the **green Go button**
3. Enter your contact information in the required fields (if you have used CongressWeb before, it might auto-populate your information)
4. Be sure your State Representative and State Senator have a **blue check mark** next to their photo
5. Click **green SEND** to Email or click **green PRINT AND MAIL** to print and send via USPS with your envelope and postage

If you are willing to schedule a meeting with your Representative or Senator, please reach out to us and we will help you through that process. Thank you in advance for your support!

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