



# ALLIANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONAL CARE HOME ADVANCEMENT (ALPHA)

## FACT SHEET

WITHOUT ADDITIONAL STATE SUPPORT, PERSONAL CARE HOMES  
IN PA FOR LOW-INCOME ADULTS WILL CEASE TO EXIST

Regardless of Income, All Adults Deserve Choices for Quality Care in their Community

The PA Personal Care Home (“PCH”) Supplement provides “gap funding” to very low-income individuals in need of care. The combined federal/state payment is only \$39 per day. There has been no state increase since 2006.

### THE ASK

**Increase the Personal Care Home Supplement program funding by \$50 million for the 2022- 2023 budget. This results in a rate of \$72 per day, per resident.**

**Current providers accepting the supplement are one crisis away from closure. They struggle to maintain their properties, stay current on utilities and retain qualified staff, especially in light of the last 2 years.**

- Personal Care Homes are the least restrictive, most healthcare-dollar effective homes with supportive care. They are the best bargain in the long-term care continuum.
- Federal Supplemental Security Income of  $\leq$  841 month supports low-income, clinically eligible adults in a community based personal care home setting.
- PA currently provides “gap” funding of  $\leq$  \$439/month. This rate has not increased since 2006, except for federal COLA adjustments.

ALPHA is a collaborative statewide organization that promotes the sustainability of low-income personal care homes through volunteerism, advocacy, partnerships and business mentoring.

- PA has lost more than 410 low-income personal care homes since 2008, resulting in reduced capacity to care for 4,121 individuals.
- PCHs in PA support residents in their home communities, and are the most affordable link in PA’s long term care system.
- Rightsizing the Pennsylvania PCH Supplement will help to re-balance Pennsylvania’s long-term care system, saving the Commonwealth money and preserving community options.

*Cheryl is 66 years old and has lived in an ALPHA Personal Care Home for 18 years. Cheryl has a big family and a wonderful support system, but even with the help of her family she was unable to live on her own due to her behavioral health issues. She likes reading, watching movies and chatting.*

*Cheryl depends on the Personal Care Home Supplement to pay for her care.*



Without available low-income PCH beds, individuals:

- Are inappropriately placed and remain in nursing facilities.
- Remain at risk without critical supervision and support.
- Are transferred to PCHs far away from family and friends.
- Remain in hospital long past safe discharge time.



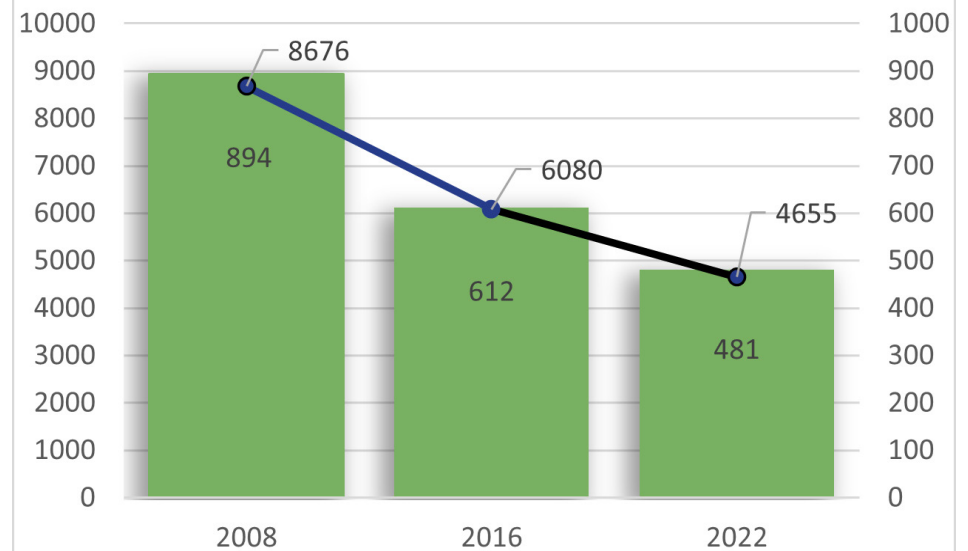
In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, communities have lost 413 personal care homes that supported individuals receiving the supplement since 2008. As

a result, 4021 individuals no longer have that community option for care.

Meet some of our residents.



### PA Personal Care Home Supplement Capacity Decline 2008 - 2022



■ # PCHs With Residents Supported by the PA PCH Supplement

—●— # Residents of PCHs Supported by the PA PCH Supplement

