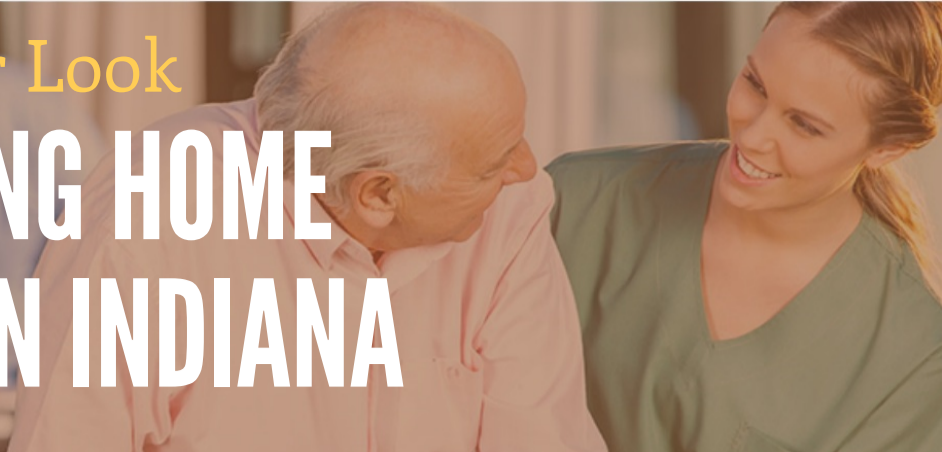


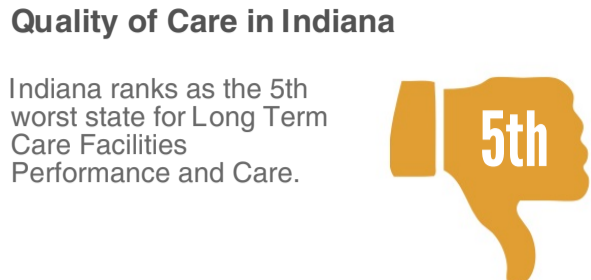
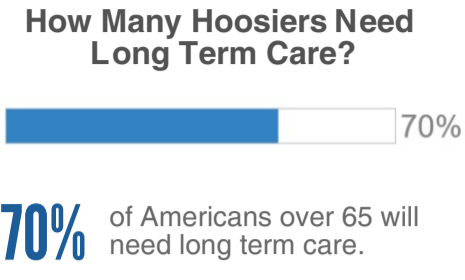


A Closer Look NURSING HOME CARE IN INDIANA



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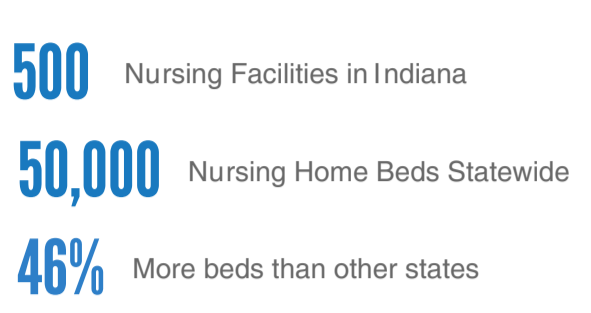
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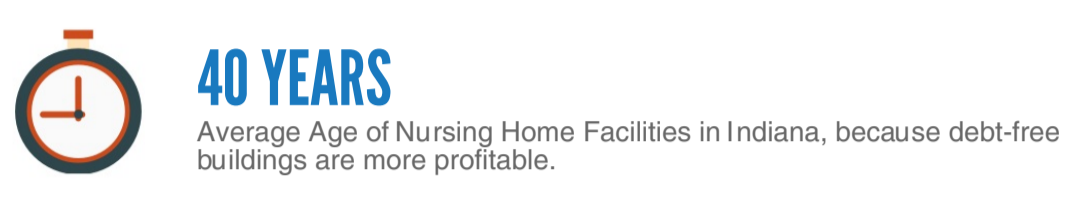
Are there enough Nursing Home Beds for Everyone?

An oversupply of nursing home beds results in low occupancy rates.

Low occupancy rates represent less funding for nursing homes and higher rates of adverse events.



70% Of Indiana Nursing Facilities are For-Profit Businesses. The GAO reported that for-profit facilities were more likely to have deficiencies and lower quality of care.



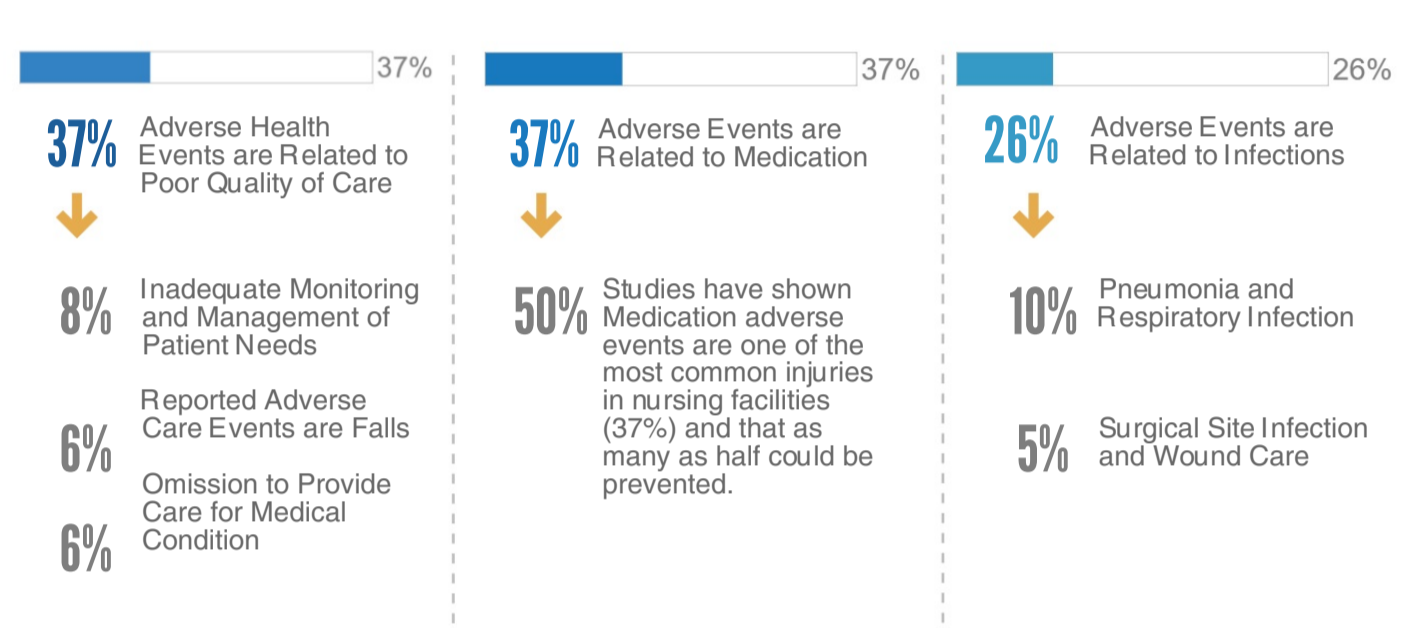
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The Indiana Medicaid Program is working to decrease the dollars that flow to nursing homes.

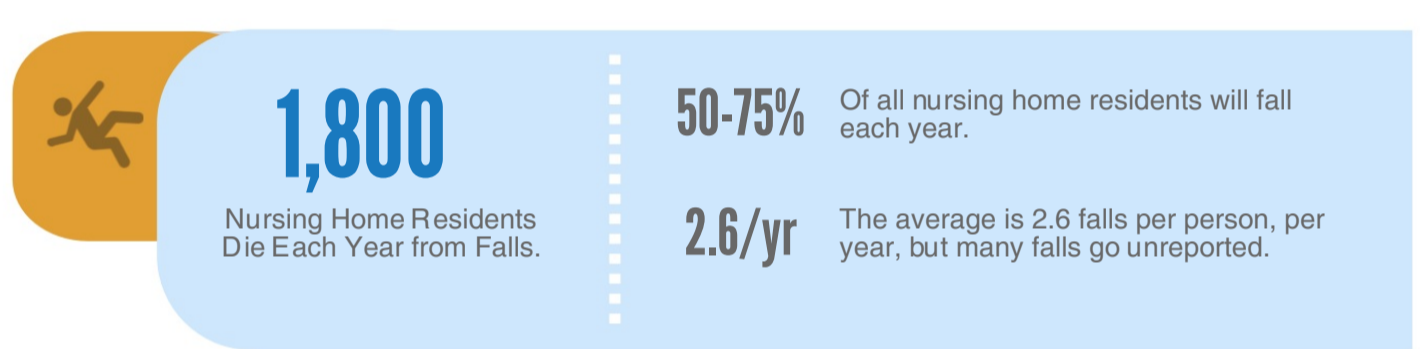
Desired decrease of 16% by 2020.

Study by the Inspector General found that 30% of Medicare patients in Nursing Home Facilities experienced an adverse health event within 15 days of their stay.

What Goes Wrong in Nursing Home Care?



One of the Most Common Risks?



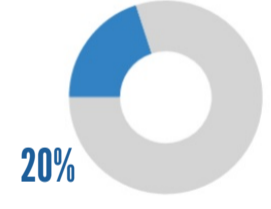
7% of Nursing Home Patients in Indiana have Pressure Ulcers / Bed Sores.

Chemical Restraint

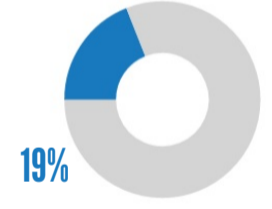
Illegal "Chemical Restraint" in Indiana Nursing Homes

Federal Law prohibits the use of psychoactive medication for the convenience of staff. This is called "chemical restraint" and is illegal.

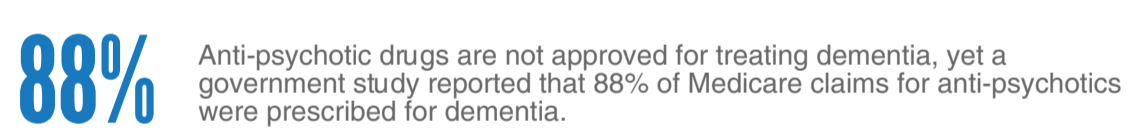
Residents given unnecessary and dangerous anti-psychotic drugs



Long Term Care Residents in Indiana given Anti-psychotic Medication.



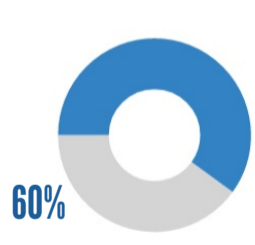
Not Approved for Dementia Patients



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MAKING CHANGES

Office of Inspector General Reported 60% of adverse events were preventable, and caused by substandard treatment, inadequate resident monitoring, and delay of necessary care.



What Can Be Done?

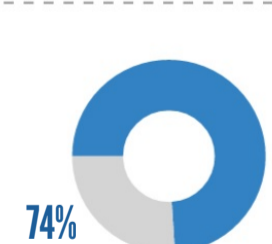


Be an Active, Informed Caregiver

Residents who receive 1 or 2 visits weekly have lower incidents of abuse and higher quality of care.

Why Does Nursing Home Neglect Happen?

- Intense Competition Prioritizes Cost-Cutting Over Quality Care
- Greater Emphasis on Short-Term Care Patients (paid for by Medicare) vs Long Term Care Patients (usually, paid by Medicaid), means fewer resources applied toward the complexities of long-term care.
- Changing Government Reporting Processes Under-Report Deficiencies and Harm, Leading to Fewer Investigations and Enforcement Actions.



Support Raise the Wage Issues

Indiana has one of the highest turnover rates of staff at long-term care facilities: 74%. Improving workload and pay improves quality of care.

Talk With State Representatives

Communicate the importance of funding nursing facilities inspection and enforcement. Encourage regulations that look at safety records of corporate-wide facilities, not simply individual facilities.



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