

A PROVIDER FEE CAN SECURE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS & MAINTAIN IHSS



OVERVIEW

450,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities receive needed care through California's In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, care that keeps them safe, healthy and living at home instead of in more expensive institutions. Now this cost-saving program faces significant funding challenges which require us to do everything possible to help save it.

OUR PROPOSAL

A new provider fee, created by applying the state's sales tax to the type of personal care services delivered in the IHSS program, will increase the amount of state funding. The federal government matches the new state funding, more than doubling the amount. Providers receive an additional Medi-Cal payment to offset the fee. The remaining money constitutes a net gain for the state.



WHY IT'S RIGHT FOR CALIFORNIA

- The proposal will bring a net increase of \$180-\$200 million in federal funding to support the program.
- California has experience with provider fees for nursing homes and managed care organizations, both of which passed with strong, bipartisan support.
- Other states, such as Kentucky, Maine, and West Virginia, have successfully used similar provider fees to maximize funding for their home- and community-based services.
- By preventing cuts to the program, the proposal saves money that would be spent on more expensive institutional care, such as nursing homes, emergency room visits, and hospital stays.

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