

Members of the Appropriations Committee:

As you undoubtedly know, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) struggle to maintain financial stability because of under-funding by the Medicaid program. At most facilities, including Nathaniel Witherell, Medicaid recipients constitute substantially more than half of all residents and it is impossible to make up losses by transferring costs to other payers.

Ultimately, cuts to providers will compromise access to care. If reductions in Medicaid rates are imposed, the financial viability of our organization will be further eroded. I believe that the resulting reductions in reimbursement will ultimately cause many facilities to fail. Please consider not imposing reductions to Medicaid rates for SNFs.

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