# How Illinois Benefits





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#### IN ILLINOIS TODAY:

- There are over 1.4 million people with disabilities<sup>1</sup>
- There are over 2 million people ages 65 and older<sup>2</sup>



THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR

Almost 181,000 family caregivers in Illinois to return to work<sup>3</sup>

### The Better Care Better Jobs Act Invests in Cost-Effective Services

Cost of Home Care	Cost of Congregate Care
Per Person/Per Year	Per Person/Per Year
\$26,000 <sup>₄</sup>	<b>\$90,000</b> ⁵



OVER 19,000 PEOPLE IN ILLINOIS ARE ON THE WAITING LISTS FOR SERVICES<sup>6</sup> The Better Care Better Jobs Act would provide over 542,000 more seniors and people with disabilities with needed services in Illinois<sup>7</sup>

#### THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD CREATE

Over 87,000 new home care jobs in Illinois and raise wages for care workers—the median wage is under \$13 per hour<sup>8</sup>



### MORE THAN 3 IN 4 AMERICANS SUPPORT THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT

- 79 percent support funding service expansions
- 79 percent support paying home care workers competitive wages<sup>9</sup>



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