

# How Montana Benefits



**BETTER CARE  
BETTER JOBS ACT** S. 2210



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## IN MONTANA TODAY:

- There are almost 140,000 people with disabilities<sup>1</sup>
- There are almost 208,000 people ages 65 and older<sup>2</sup>



## THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR

Over 14,000 family caregivers in Montana to return to work<sup>3</sup>

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

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



## OVER 2,100 PEOPLE IN MONTANA ARE ON THE WAITING LISTS FOR SERVICES<sup>6</sup>

The Better Care Better Jobs Act would provide over 42,000 more seniors and people with disabilities with needed services in Montana<sup>7</sup>

## THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD CREATE

Over 6,800 new home care jobs in Montana and raise wages for care workers—the median wage is roughly \$12 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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