

How Vermont Benefits



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



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IN VERMONT TODAY:

- There are over 91,000 people with disabilities¹
- There are over 125,000 people ages 65 and older²



THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR

1.1 million family caregivers to return to work³

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 |
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| \$26,000 ⁴ | \$90,000 ⁵ |



**820,000 AMERICANS ARE ON
THE WAITING LISTS FOR SERVICES⁶**

The Better Care Better Jobs Act would provide almost 750 more seniors and people with disabilities with needed services in Vermont⁷

THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD CREATE

Over 500,000 new home care jobs and raise wages for care workers—today, the median wage is only \$12 per hour⁸



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 wages⁹



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