

Coverage is critical to care.

The direct-care workforce in America—home health aides, nursing assistants, and personal care assistants—is the backbone of our nation's paid long-term care system. It is also a workforce in crisis.

More than 2 in 5 direct-care workers lack health insurance!

We need to cover caregivers because...

- Our nation's direct-care workforce **helps millions of Americans each day**—keeping them healthy and independent.
- Low pay and lack of health insurance coverage for these workers means that **many leave work they love** for better paying jobs with benefits.
- **An insufficient number of new workers** are entering the profession to provide the care that American families need now—and will need increasingly in the coming decades. Good, reliable care provides all of us—consumers and family members—with **peace of mind**.



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Coverage is one of the first steps to ensure caregivers are there when we need them.

- **Turnover falls significantly** when workers receive living wages and affordable health care benefits.
- **Model programs in several states and counties across America are making a difference...**and can be replicated.

If we want long-term care choices in the future, we need to cover caregivers today.

- **Wear a "2 in 5" button** or sticker to your next meeting, and talk with people about why we need health insurance coverage for direct-care workers.
- **Tell your elected and appointed officials** that you support funding health insurance coverage for direct-care workers.
- **Visit www.coverageiscritical.org** to learn more about how health insurance coverage for caregivers impacts you, and other ways you can support the campaign.

