

**Sample Medicaid Home Care Talking Points
For Phone Call or Meeting with Your Senator or Their Staff**

- I am calling about a matter of great importance, the urgent need to increase funding for Medicaid home care
- I am a constituent and caregiver for my husband/wife/partner who is chronically ill/ disabled due to _____.
- The home care I am struggling to provide places a huge burden on me, my spouse/partner and our entire family.
- Despite the burden, I want to continue to care for him/her at home. Medicaid could help, but Medicaid home care is so under-funded that 800,000 people around the country currently are on waiting lists to receive it, even though they meet the program's stringent medical and financial eligibility requirements.
- Home care also saves the Federal government money compared with the alternative of a Medicaid-covered nursing home bed. Many family caregivers have no choice but to place their loved one in a nursing home due to inadequate funding for Medicaid home care.
- The House of Representatives voted in 2021 to provide \$150 billion in additional funding for Medicaid home care over the next ten years. These funds would go a long way toward reducing home care waiting lists. When will the Senate follow suit and pass a similar increase?
- Not only is this the right thing to do, but surveys show that increased funding for home care is very popular with the American public, across the political spectrum.
- Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.