



## Monitoring Report

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# Medicaid and Nursing Homes

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[CC] 00:23:39 Several lawmakers, the AARP and other groups want the state to up the amount it pays to care for **Medicaid** patients in **nursing homes**. Texas ranks 49th in the nation for the amount of money it pays toward long term care. State Rep. Patrick Rose says an estimated \$368 million in new revenue is need for the coming two year budget. The homes serve 60 thousand **Medicaid** residents. "The society is measured by how it treats those who are the most vulnerable. And those seniors who are in **nursing homes** need us now. They were there for us, as Carlos said, for years, and now we need to be there for them. Not only is this a good investment, as Carlos put it, because we'll get a good return from the federal government, but it's the right thing to do." The advocates said Texas hasn't funded cost increases for **Medicaid nursing home** residents since 1999. 00:26:39