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Budget cuts could hurt elderly

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AMARILLO, TX - A proposed budget cut could wipe out nearly a third of the Medicaid funding designated for nursing home type facilities.

Nursing home administrators say the nursing home for the bulk of their residents is the last and sometimes only option to receive quality care.

"There are some who don't have family. Where do you put those folks? People don't think about that. For many, the nursing home is the family, the nursing home is their home." said Linda Littlefield with Vivian's Nursing Home.

Statewide, there are about 1,100 nursing homes. The bulk of those homes are 70 to 80 percent medicaid funded.



Linda Littlefield, Vivian's Nursing Home



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