

The Better Care Better Jobs Act of 2021

Improving Home and Community Based Services in Pennsylvania:

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) are a key component of President Biden's American Jobs Plan. These critical services enable seniors and people with disabilities to remain in their homes, stay active in their communities, and lead independent lives. The Better Care Better Jobs Act would expand access to HCBS by enhancing funding and strengthening the workforce. In Pennsylvania, the Better Care Better Jobs Act would:



Eliminate the Waitlist

In Pennsylvania, over 16,000 individuals are currently on the waitlist for intellectual disability and developmental disability services. By expanding the workforce, these individuals will be able to receive services earlier.



Increase Eligibility

The Better Care Better Jobs Act would raise the income limit, and increase eligibility for HCBS for more than 33,000 Pennsylvanians.



Expand the Workforce

The Better Care Better Jobs Act would create 20,000 caregiving jobs in Pennsylvania, increasing economic stability.



Relieve Family Caregivers

Over 40,000 family caregivers could return to or look for work, improving the economic health of their families.



Expand Personal Care Services

87,000 Pennsylvanians will be newly eligible to receive personal care services such as dressing, bathing, toileting, and eating, significantly reduce the unmet need.



Expand Caregiver Supports

Family members who want to continue in their caregiving roles will be provided with respite care, training and information, and access to protective equipment.