



## **Home care is the preferred alternative to expensive and unnecessary hospitalization and medical costs**

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### **The Problem**

Michigan No Fault Reform in 2019, the 45% cut to fee reimbursements forced specialized homecare agencies out of business and other agencies to not serve auto no fault patients. The law was unsustainable, arbitrary and specialized homecare agencies were unable to cover their costs in providing attendant care, especially during a labor shortage and high inflation.

Although the Andary decision by the Supreme Court restored reimbursements for those injured prior to 2019, thousands of patients injured after or future victims will not get the care they need and paid for. A fix is needed to provide the medically appropriate care for ALL crash survivors, no matter when they are injured.

### **What we do**

Home Care provides a wide range of services to facilitate recovery for those that are severely injured. Home Care aides and nurses provide vital daily care, ranging from assistance with the activities of daily living up to facilitating bowel programs, intermittent catheterizations, trachea care, peg tube feeding, complex mechanical transfers.

Unfortunately, about three people per day on average are catastrophically injured on Michigan roadways, and they likely will need home care.

Home care is the preferred alternative to expensive and unnecessary hospitalization and medical costs. Sadly, home care providers have no choice but to turn down survivors injured after June 11, 2019 until the legislature approves a solution.

### **ALL Michigan crash survivors need home care, no matter when they are injured**

To restore home care for catastrophic crash survivors injured after injured after June 11, 2019, the Legislature needs to replace the 45% cut with a reasonable fee schedule. The proposed bill identifies ten service codes for home care and assigns reasonable reimbursement rates are similar to national fee schedules such as Medicare, VA, and Fair Health Data.

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