

## AL MEDICAID WAIVER ACCESS

Access to the Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver (ALW) Program is currently limited due to the **low reimbursement** to provide a significant 24/7 service package.

Assisted Living is a <u>cost-effective alternative</u> to nursing home care...



Nursing Home: \$773,800 Assisted Living Waiver: <u>\$263,749</u> **2.9** people can be served by the ALW, for one person served in a nursing home



The Assisted Living Waiver is good for Ohio!

## Older Ohioans and taxpayers <u>need access increased</u> to the Assisted Living Waiver.

This will only be possible if the program is reimbursed more equitably for the services provided. The current service rates are only \$51.60/day (Tier I), \$61.95/day (Tier II) and \$72.26/day (Tier III) for these 24/7 service packages. This reflects the minimal increase of 3.25% in FY2020-21 which was the first increase since the programs inception.

## OALA is recommending an increase in reimbursement!