



# WHO WILL CARE FOR NEBRASKA SENIORS?

## NURSING HOME CLOSURES

**TWELVE NEBRASKA NURSING HOMES have closed over the past three years, citing staffing challenges and underfunding.**

**TECUMSEH** – Belle Terrace (67 beds)

**ARAPAHOE** – Good Samaritan Society (30 beds)

**RAVENNA** – Good Samaritan Society (61 beds)

**VALENTINE** – Good Samaritan Society (52 beds)

**HOOPER** – Hooper Care Center (48 beds)

**MULLEN** – Pioneer Manor (30 beds)

**PENDER** – Legacy Garden Rehab (42 beds)

**GRANT** – Golden Hours (50 beds)

**GREELEY** – Greeley Care Home (26 beds)

**LEXINGTON** – Plum Creek Care Center (66 beds)

**TRENTON** – El Dorado Nursing Home (40 beds)

**PONCA** – Elms Health Care Center (44 beds)

**WHEN A NURSING HOME CLOSES, it means family and friends must travel greater distances to visit their loved ones.**

A report published in the July 2022 Journal of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (JAMDA) examined six factors associated with the likelihood of visitation and found travel time has a “*substantively and statistically significant negative association with visit probability for all age groups.*”<sup>1</sup>

**LESS FREQUENT VISITATION by families and friends has a negative impact on residents’ physical health and emotional well-being.**

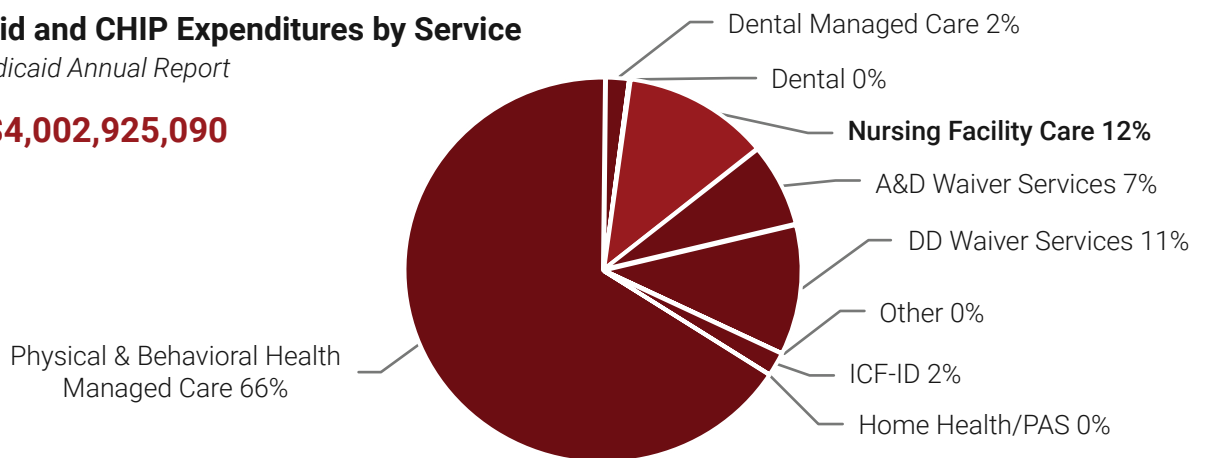
An earlier report published in the February 2021 JAMDA reviewed published research and identified a positive association between social connection and residents’ health and well-being.<sup>2</sup>

**NEBRASKA’S EXPENDITURE FOR NURSING HOME CARE is only 12% of the total annual Medicaid budget.**

### SFY2023 Medicaid and CHIP Expenditures by Service

Source: SFY2023 Medicaid Annual Report

**Total = \$4,002,925,090**



<sup>1</sup> [www.jamda.com/article/S1525-8610\(21\)00831-8/fulltext](http://www.jamda.com/article/S1525-8610(21)00831-8/fulltext) | <sup>2</sup> [www.jamda.com/article/S1525-8610\(20\)30991-9/fulltext](http://www.jamda.com/article/S1525-8610(20)30991-9/fulltext)



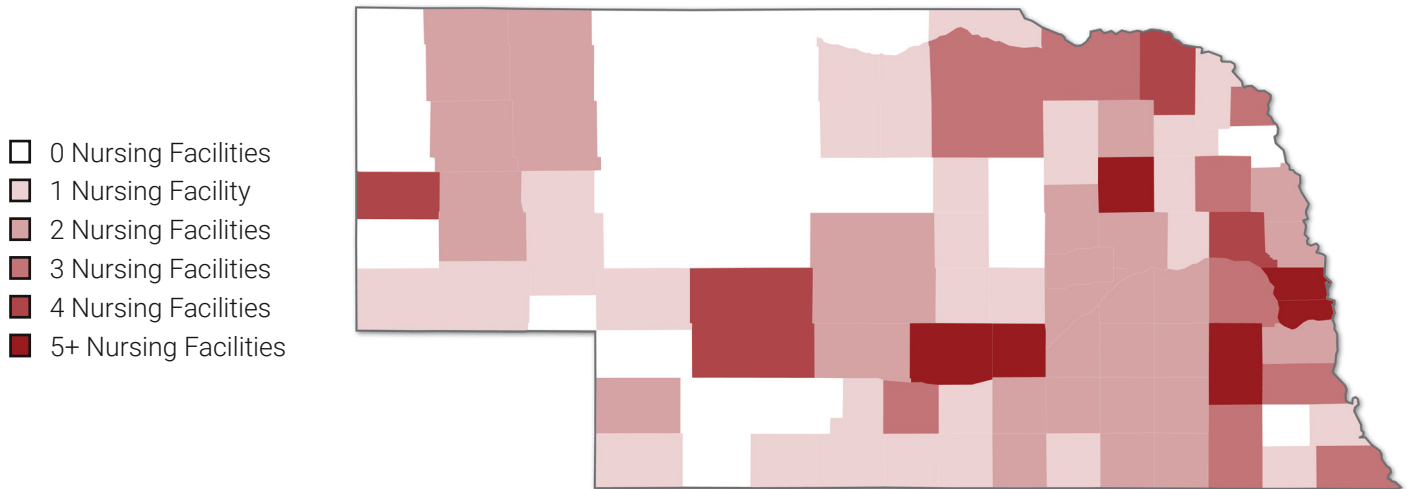
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### NEBRASKA'S DESERT OF NURSING HOME CARE

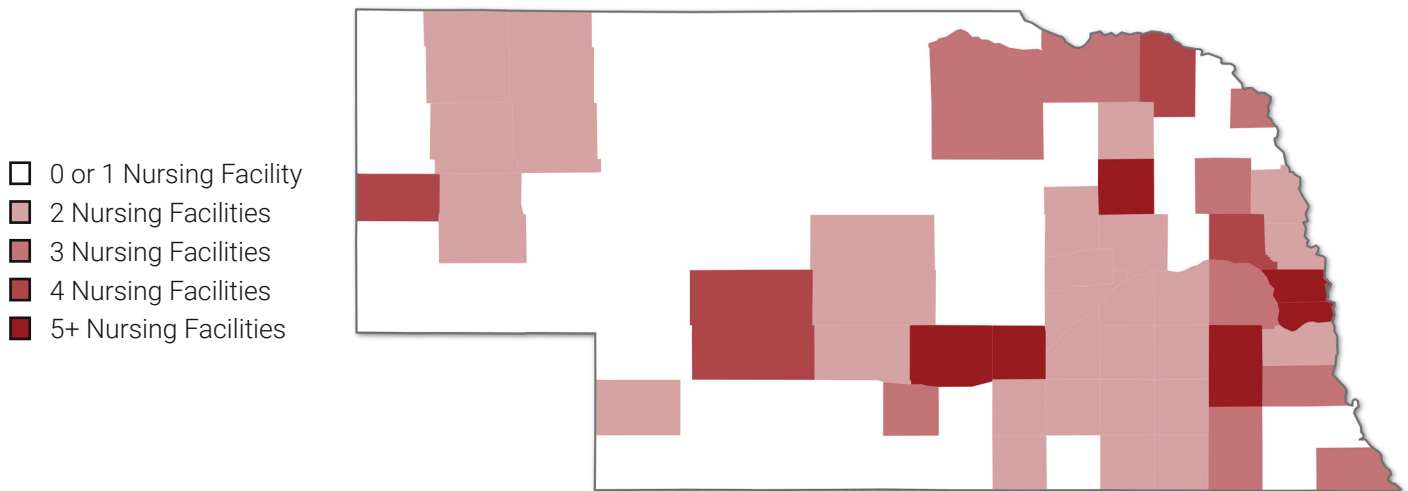
#### Number of Nebraska Nursing Facilities by County - November 2023

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Licensure Roster



#### If Nebraska Counties with One Nursing Facility All Had Closures - November 2023

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