National Workforce Crisis facing Long-Term Services and Supports

The United States is experiencing a significant shortage of, and a growing demand for, qualified workers who are capable of managing, supervising, and providing high-quality services and supports for older adults.

Several trends are fueling this national workforce crisis

A Rapidly Growing Older Population

The population of adults age 65 and older will increase from 47.8 million in 2015 to 88 million in 2050.

- **2015**: 47.8M
- **2050**: 88M

A Growing Need for Assistance

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that nearly 70% of people who reach the age of 65 will ultimately need some form of long-term services and supports (LTSS).

- By 2035, the number of older households with a disability will increase by 76% to reach 31.2M
  - 17M Older household with mobility disability
  - 12M Self-care disability
  - 27M Activity disability

76%
A Growing Need for Workers

The nation will need 2.5 million LTSS workers by 2030 to keep up with the growth of America’s aging population.

The projected percentage increase in the number of positions employed in long-term care between 2010 and 2030 are the following:

- **94%** Counselors and social workers
- **93%** Community and social service workers
- **88%** Home health aides and personal care aides
- **73%** RNs
- **70%** LPNs
- **69%** Building and ground maintenance workers
- **68%** Nursing assistants
- **67%** Food preparation and serving workers

What Does an Unstable Workforce Mean for Providers?

1. High provider costs.
2. Concerns about access and quality.
3. Poor working conditions.

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